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GENERAL LI PASSES THROUGH.

GOING TO SHANGHAI WITH WANG CHING-WEI.

ARRIVAL AT KOWLOON ON A SPECIAL TRAIN.

AN INTERVIEW GRANTED.

Two very interesting visitors to Hongkong this morning were Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the well-known Kuomintang leader, and General Li Chai-sum, the head of the military administration at Canton, both of whom are on their way to Shanghai, where they intend to meet Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The purpose of this visit is the completion of the recent reconciliation movement, whereby Mr. Wang and Marshal Chiang are to patch up their differences, and the preliminary steps will be taken for reunification of the Kuomintang.

Mr. Wang and General Li arrived in the early hours of this morning on a special train from Canton, and were met at the Kowloon station by local followers, Police officials, and a few newspapermen. A representative of this paper later had an interview with Mr. Wang on board the Empress of Asia, by which the party sailed for Shanghai at six o'clock.

In the interview, Mr. Wang Ching-wei reaffirmed his intention of making peace with Chiang Kai-shek, and disclosed the plan for a preliminary Kuomintang conference prior to the main one at Nanking. He still thought there would be nothing in the way of eventually holding a conference at Canton.

TO MAKE PEACE WITH CHIANG.

The well-known Kuomintang European and Chinese police of political and military members, Mr. Wang Ching-wei and General Li Chai-sum, who are on their way to Shanghai to patch up the Kuomintang differences and to settle their long disputes with Nanking and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, arrived rather suddenly in the Colony at half-past three this morning, by a special train from the Canton-Kowloon railway.

The arrival of Mr. Wang and General Li by train, and at that hour, surprised even their followers in Hongkong, for according to wireless messages received from Canton yesterday, Wang and Li were due here this morning by the Chinese cruiser Feiyang.

After the receipt of the later information, the followers of Wang had been waiting eagerly throughout last night for the arrival of the party, and the police officers who were detailed by the Government for the protection of these important Canton visitors had been likewise kept busy.

Another wireless message received yesterday evening indicated that the Canton leaders were likely to come down by the night boat, the s.s. Taishan, but they were not found on board on the arrival of the night boats.

Mr. Ho Chu-yin, representing General Chu Fai-yi, the Canton Police Chief, arrived by the Taishan, to attend to the luggage, etc. of the two chiefs, but so far as Mr. Ho knew, Wang and Li were to travel on board the Feiyang or one of the Canton gunboats.

The First Intimation.

It was not until about one o'clock this morning that definite news of the manner in which the two Canton leaders would travel was obtainable. An urgent telegram, issued at Canton about 11.30, was received, stating that Mr. Wang and General Li, together with several officials and ladies, were on their way down to Hongkong by special train.

This change of schedule was made suddenly by General Li, probably because he thought that this was a better way of travelling. This train left the Taishan station at 11.20 last night, and was expected in the Kowloon Station sometime after three.

After the receipt of this news, all those who were to meet the Canton official party went to the railway station to await them. Among those present were Mr. Ho, of Police Headquarters, Mr. Ho Yung Sai-ngam, a Hongkong merchant and former Canton official, Mr. Yoo Hoi-cham, the Director of the Canton Telephone Administration, Dr. and Mrs. Yik To, representatives of the Telegraph, the Morning Post, the Wah Kiu Yat Po, and the Nam Chung Pao, some

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NON-STOP FLIGHT TO INDIA.

CAPTAIN MCINTOSH MAKES BIG ATTEMPT.

AIR MINISTRY INTEREST.

London, Nov. 15. Captain McIntosh and Mr. Bert Hinkler have left Wiltshire on a non-stop flight to India, starting at 1.10.

McIntosh and Hinkler are flying a Fokker monoplane, the "Princess Xenia," which is fitted with a Bristol-Jupiter engine, and carries 800 gallons of petrol. The airmen are carrying sandwiches and biscuits, meat extracts, hot coffee, tea and cold water.

The flight is a private venture, but the Air Ministry is sympathetically interested. —*Reuter.*

[It will be recalled that he attempted a trans-Atlantic flight from east to west, a few months ago, but had to return owing to bad weather.]

Favourable Weather.

London, Nov. 15. Captain McIntosh and Mr. Bert Hinkler left Upavon Aerodrome, Wiltshire, this afternoon, on a non-stop flight to India.

The attempt is being made by the two airmen to wrest from America the world record for a non-stop flight.

They are flying in the Fokker monoplane "Princess Xenia," in which Captain McIntosh began his flight to America, but was compelled to turn back by bad weather off the west coast of Ireland.

Weather conditions were good when to-day's flight started. The sun was shining, there was a fresh westerly wind, and the "Princess Xenia" took off perfectly. —*British Wireless.*

No News After 15 Hours.

Later. Fifteen hours after the start of the McIntosh flight no reports have been received, but the machine does not carry any wireless set.

The greatest public interest is being evinced in the effort to wrest the long-distance record of 3,900 miles which is held by the American trans-Atlantic fliers, Chamberlin and Levine, especially after the bad luck attending Flight Lieut. Carr's three attempts.

Capt. McIntosh and his friends have contributed every penny of the capital necessary for the flight, except the last £500 which came from two Midland business men. —*Reuter.*

ALLEGED MEXICAN INTRIGUE.

AN OFFICIAL DENIAL ISSUED.

Washington, Nov. 15. The Mexican Embassy describes the alleged facsimiles of Mexican documents, mentioned yesterday, as "forgeries which are unworthy of comment."

The New York American in the meantime is publishing further facsimiles alleged to have been issued by President Calles or his subordinates, showing the trend of Mexican policy with regard to Nicaragua. —*Reuter's American Service.*

A cable dated Nov. 14 stated: The New York American reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by the President Calles of Mexico, authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda, for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal revolutionary army in Nicaragua.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TARIFFS.

DATE OF ENFORCEMENT.

Paris, Nov. 15. It is announced that the Foreign Minister has informed the United States Embassy that the new tariff rates, applicable to certain American goods under the recent Franco-American arrangement, will be enforced on November 21. —*Reuter.*

INDIAN PROBLEM.

BRITAIN'S ATTEMPT AT SOLUTION.

COMMISSION APPROVED.

London, Nov. 15. The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Indian Statutory Commission Bill, Lord Olivier on behalf of the Labour Party, and Lord Reading for the Liberals, heartily supporting it. —*Reuter.*

London, Nov. 15. The Earl of Birkenhead in the House of Lords moved the second reading of the Bill setting up the India Statutory Commission.

He reminded the House that it was originally contemplated that at a period of ten years there should be appointed a commission to examine the progress which had been made, and to report to Parliament upon the existing situation. There was no special magic in the period of ten years. They might assume it was adopted as a con-

SHANGHAI UNREST.

Chinese Workers Grow More Restive.

Shanghai, Nov. 15. Labour here is restive, and 25,000 workers are out, the leading cotton mills and the British American Tobacco Company's factories being affected.

The latter is a victim of Chinese, German, and Russian rivals exploiting agitation and bolstering up strikes, being themselves ready to invade the markets.

The radical labour faction are threatening to form a "Pootung proletarian organisation," and the outlook is disturbing. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

venient period, affording sufficient time for the instruction of those whose duty it might be to re-examine the whole situation.

Since his accession to the office of Secretary of State for India, he had been greatly pressed in many quarters to accelerate the appointment of the commission. It had not seemed to him, and his responsible advisers in India, that the atmosphere at the moment when those appeals—were put forward, was such as to afford much encouragement to those who were invited to make the change.

Encouraging Tendencies.

But there was never any strong view that the period so fixed had necessarily to receive pendantic adherence. "I do not wish," said Lord Birkenhead, "to under-rate such encouraging tendencies as have manifested themselves in India in the course of the last two or three years. Such tendencies there have been. There has been growing realisation, in my judgment, that the policy of non-co-operation was not in itself very happily conceived, nor likely to create in this country a general impression that those who were unwilling to co-operate in the working of the existing constitution had fully established their case for acceleration at the moment when that constitution was to be re-examined. There has been unquestionably, in the last two or three years, a change of tone and temper in India, and the changes have nearly all been in the direction of improved relationship."

Continuing, Lord Birkenhead said it was his duty very carefully, and without heat or resentment, but equally without any exaggeration, to examine closely the opinion which was entertained in India in relation to the present proposals of government, and to appraise their value and importance. But to-day he wished merely to justify the view held by the Government, that the moment had arrived at which the appointment

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DEATH OF DR. W. W. PEARSE.

FORMER MEDICAL OFFICER IN HONGKONG.

25 YEARS IN COLONY.

Many residents of the Colony will learn with deep regret of the death of Dr. W. W. Pearse, who was for so many years Medical Officer of Health in Hongkong. The news of his demise, which took place on November 11th, was received from Home by the Colonial Secretary this morning, but there is no intimation of the cause of death or of where it occurred.

The late Dr. Wilfred William Pearse, who was 57 years of age, took his M.B. degree at Aberdeen University in 1893, taking the D.P.H., and M.D. degrees at the same University later. His first official appointment was as Assistant Medical Officer to the Shortditch Infirmary, in 1894, and it was in June, 1901, that Dr. Pearse first came to Hongkong in the capacity of Assistant Medical Officer of Health. On several occasions in the years following, he acted as Medical Officer of Health, and it was in November, 1915, that he received the substantive appointment and became the head of the Colony's health service, in succession to Dr. Francis Clark. Dr. Pearse retired on pension in October last year, after 25 years spent in the service of the Colony.

From 1917 until 1919, Dr. Pearse was seconded for military service and saw active war service in France.

As was only to be expected throughout so long a period, Dr. Pearse was identified with many important health improvements in Hongkong and proved himself to be a proficient and painstaking officer. As head of the health service he was well-liked and popular among all members of the staff and at all times showed a keen concern in the welfare of the Colony.

Of a genial and charming personality, Dr. Pearse enjoyed a very wide friendship. He was for many years a prominent member of the Civil Service Recreation Club, and among his many other activities he was mainly instrumental in founding the Book Club and also the Hongkong Branch of the National Press Association, of which he was at one time President.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD.

A POSTHUMOUS HONOUR.

Washington, Nov. 15. The president of the National Aeronautic Association has announced the new balloon altitude record credited to Captain Hawthorne Gray, the United States army aviator, who died on November 5, after ascending to a height of 42,470 feet.

This height was marked on his barograph when the balloon descended. The aeronaut was found dead, with the pipe to his oxygen apparatus severed, apparently cut accidentally while he was trying to slash free another sandbag with the intention of rising still higher.

Captain Gray's balloon has exceeded all previous records by nearly a mile. —*Reuter's American Service.*

MR. AMERY'S COLONIAL TOUR.

TO LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY.

London, Nov. 15. Sir George Hennessey stated in the House of Commons on behalf of the Dominions Office, that Mr. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, who is making a tour of the Dominions, according to present plans would leave Australia for New Zealand on November 17, reaching New Zealand on November 27.

He would later sail for Canada, and be there from January 5 until February 3 or 10, and it might be expected he would be back in England a week later. —*British Wireless.*

AN OMINOUS LULL AT HANKOW.

NANKING TROOPS FAIL TO APPEAR.

ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS AT YEUNGKONG.

NEW PEKING IMPOSTS.

Considerable tension exists at Hankow being partly due to the non-appearance of the Nanking troops which were expected to enter the city yesterday, and partly to fears of what may occur when these forces arrive. All foreigners have been advised to remain in their Concessions as the quietness of the native city may prove to be but a lull before the storm.

Four Nanking gunboats are lying off Wuchang, but the main body of Nationalist troops are still some 30 miles down the river. On the advice of the Consul-General the movement of British ships between Hankow and Chenglin has been suspended for the time being.

Anti-foreign demonstrations have broken out at Yeungkong, which is mid-way between Hongkong and Kwong-chow-wan, workmen and students threatening the American Mission and its inmates.

A report in another column shows that the labour element in Shanghai is very restive, there being 25,000 workers on strike from cotton mills and the B. A. T. factory. Radicals in the Pootung district are threatening to form a Proletariat organisation.

SHIPPING RISKS ON YANGTSE.

Hankow, Nov. 15.

A curious situation exists in Hankow, considerable tension among the Chinese population being evident, possibly accentuated by the failure of the Nanking faction to show their hand although the evacuation of Wuhan troops is complete. No one appears to know what to expect when the Nationalist troops occupy the city, but there is considerable apprehension.

The foreigners have been advised to remain in the Concessions and Special Administrative Districts, and adequate defence arrangements appear to have been made.

The city is quiet, but foreign observers are under the impression that it may be a lull before a storm.

Four Nanking gunboats have arrived at Hankow, and are lying at anchor off Wuchang, but the main body of the Nationalist troops is reported to be still some thirty miles down river from Hankow.

It is not quite clear what exactly is happening to Tang Seng-chi's defeated troops. They appear to be concentrating at Chenglin, the rear guard being somewhere in the vicinity of Kingkan, where steamers on the river are subjected to heavy rifle fire from the shore.

The danger to shipping between Hankow and Chenglin is such that, on the advice of the British Consul-General, the movement of British ships between the two ports has been entirely suspended for the time being. —*Naval Wireless.*

TROUBLE AT YEUNGKONG.

Demonstrations Against Americans.

Yeungkong, Nov. 15. Several unpleasant incidents have occurred here in the last day or two, anti-foreign demonstrations being directed mainly towards the Americans.

Workmen and students are truculent and have threatened the American Mission and its inmates. —*Naval Wireless.*

Yeungkong is a fairly large town in southern Kwangtung, on the coast about half-way between Hongkong and Kwangchow-wan. Means of communication are few, and up to the present it has been impossible to discover the origin of the anti-foreign feeling apparent here now existing. Hitherto Yeungkong has been free of disturbances even when anti-foreign agitation in China reached its fullest pitch.

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NEW PEKING TAXES.

Merchants In Opposition.

Peking, Nov. 15.

Chinese business men protest against the new luxury impost which the Ministry of Finance seeks to impose as from December 1.

The tax ranges from 10 to 30 per cent. on leather, clocks, toilet requisites, sugar, tea, kerosene, gasoline, and medicine, among other things.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is meeting to discuss measures to oppose the levy.

It is understood that the method of collection will be the same as for the cigarette surtax, under which the local merchants are required to buy revenue stamps and affix them on their goods.

The Dictator's sanction for the new tax has not yet been obtained by the Ministry. —*Reuter.*

RETURN OF RESERVISTS.

All Leaving Before Christmas.

London, Nov. 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans said that all the section A reservists, except those detained through sickness or other unforeseen causes, would have left China before Christmas. He was not sure whether those sailing on the last ship would reach England before Christmas. —*Reuter.*

BOLSHEVIK AGENTS.

Arrived in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Nov. 11.

In view of the unsettled atmosphere, created by the threatening operations of the Bolshevik agents in Shanghai and the avowed Red propagandists, martial law was enforced in Chinese territory yesterday and to-day.

It is understood that precautionary measures to ward off any Communist uprising have also been taken by the Nationalist military authorities in Soochow, Wushu and Changchow.

RETURN OF CHIANG.

In Better Spirits.

Shanghai, Nov. 11.

After a well-earned trip to Japan, General Chiang Kai-shek came back to Shanghai yesterday on board an N.Y.K. liner, which steamed into port at about 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon. He was met by the Consul-General of Japan, some Japanese naval and military officers here, as well as by representatives of local Chinese papers.

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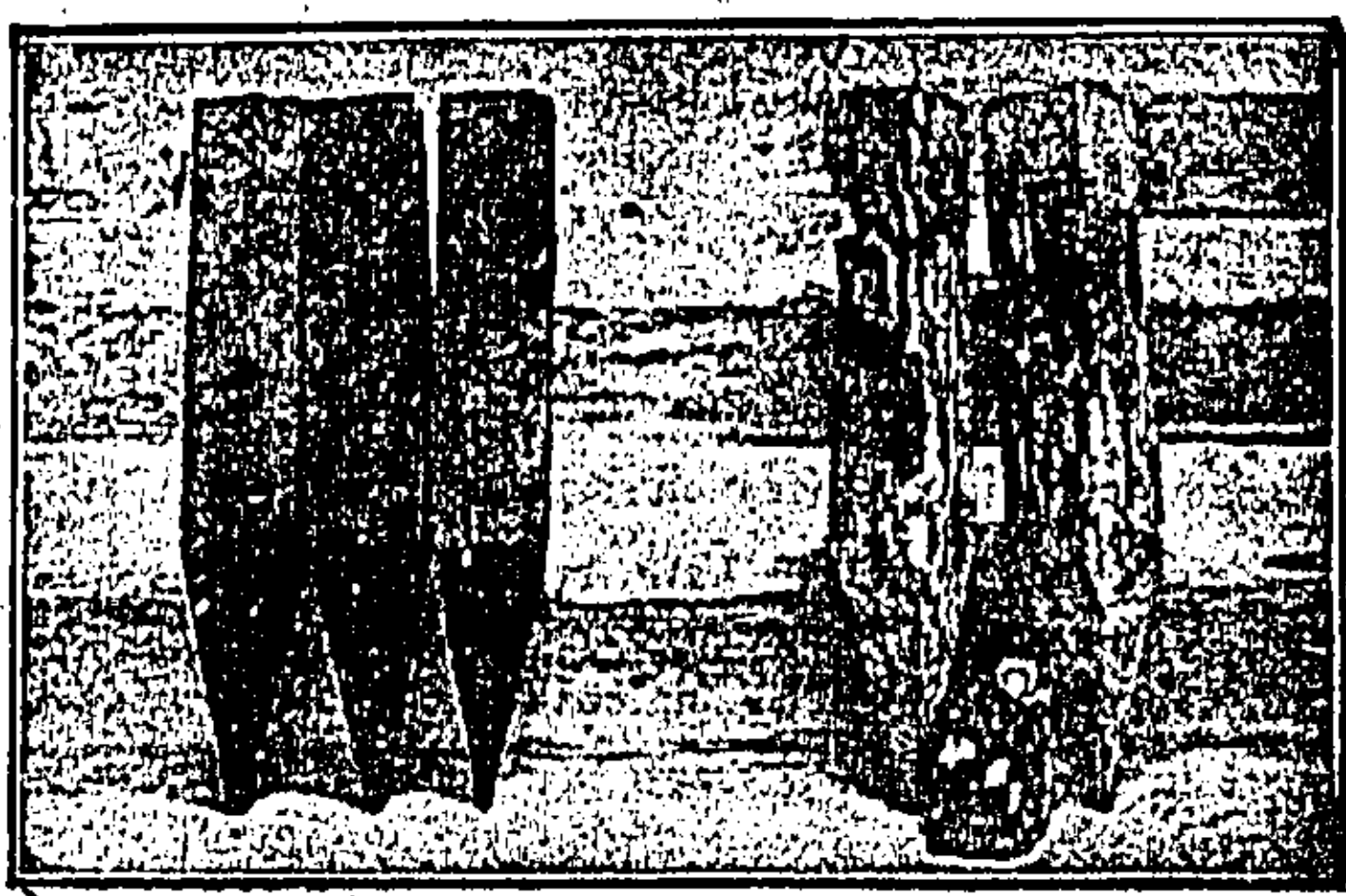
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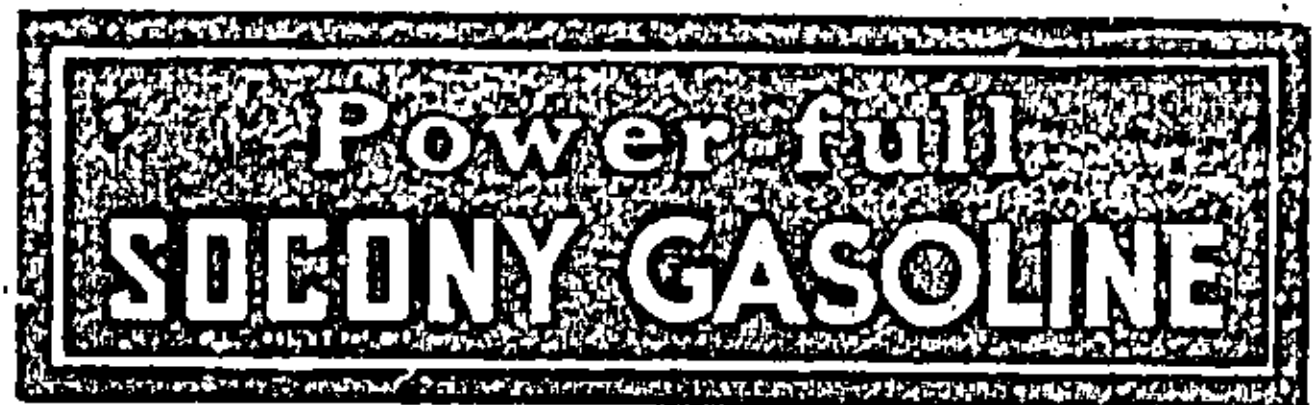
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TENANCY PROBLEM.

CLAIM FOR RENT IN
SUMMARY COURT FAILS.

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the case in which Lau Yick-chouk, third floor, Bank of Canton Building, Des Voeux Road Central, sued Mrs. M. J. Rowe, 46 and 48 Nathan Road, Kowloon, for \$360 being three months rent from April 1 to June 30 in respect of No. 42 Nathan Road, was concluded when the judge found for the defendant. Mr. M. J. D'Almada Remedios represented the plaintiff and Mr. F. G. Vaux defended.

The question to be decided was as to the nature of the tenancy of No. 42 Nathan Road. The plaintiff alleged that Mrs. Rowe definitely took over the premises and received the keys, which had not been handed back. Mrs. Rowe denied receiving the keys and stated that because the plaintiff would not repair the roof she did not go on with the agreement which fell through. She admitted partly whitewashing the house but ceased to do this when she learned that the landlord would not repair the roof.

The case was adjourned for the whitewasher to be called and also for evidence from the police as to a raid on the house.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. J. W. Dorling said that the house in question was in a place formerly known as Rose Terrace.

His Lordship:—I understand that the police raided these premises to find some stolen property?—I visited these premises on Saturday, April 23 this year at ten o'clock in the morning.

Witness continued that at that time the house was vacant and none of the doors were locked. It was not necessary to break into the house. Witness noticed that the place had been freshly colour-washed throughout, but he did not see any furniture.

Premises Limewashed. The Chinese painter gave evidence of having lime-washed the premises during the end of March and the beginning of April, but he did not do any painting. Mrs. Rowe's "boy" had paid him \$15 on account but \$35 still owing.

In reviewing the evidence Mr. Remedios referred to numerous discrepancies, pointing out that these favoured the case of the defendant, who denied ever having had the keys. She had told a perfectly straightforward story which had been supported by her "boy."

Mr. Vaux also dealt with conflicting evidence and the fact that the doors of the house were left open. The plaintiff had left them locked, and it did not seem likely that he would have left his own doors unlocked, which seemed to suggest that the defendant had the keys and had failed to lock the doors.

His Lordship said there had been a conflict of evidence. There was no doubt that the parties had had negotiations sometime and that they disagreed. The substantial point of the case was that the onus of proof rested on the plaintiff. Having regard to the facts of the case as a whole he (his Lordship) was not satisfied that the contract was made as the plaintiff had said it was made. He would therefore give judgment for the defendant with costs.

CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

SMALL PROSPECTS OF
INTEREST PAYMENT.

Peking, Nov. 15. It is understood that the half yearly interest on the Shanghai-Nanking railway loan due on June 1 will be paid this week, but it is considered certain that the interest due on December 1 will not be paid this year nor the interest due in December on the Hukang, Canton-Kowloon, and other railways.—Reuter.

DEATH INQUIRY.

WOMAN WHO JUMPED
THROUGH WINDOW.

An inquiry was held yesterday by Mr. R. E. Lindsell into the death of a Chinese woman who jumped through a window at No. 7A Cross Street on October 31, in the course of a police raid.

Giving evidence, Inspector Bloor, Brothel, Inspector, said that he visited the house in question at 9.30 p.m. on October 31 by virtue of an authority which he held, issued by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. He said that on entering the house he went to the rear cubicle, where he saw two young girls with two men, and also an old woman. He told them that he was the brothel inspector. The inmates did not appear to be frightened.

The Inspector proceeded to search other parts of the house and left a Chinese detective in charge at the rear cubicle. Suddenly the Chinese detective called out and the Inspector, rushing back to the rear cubicle, saw a woman dropping out of the window.

He went to the street and telephoned for the ambulance, which arrived within ten minutes and took the woman to hospital.

Dr. J. R. Craig, giving evidence, said that the woman died on November 1, at 8.10 p.m., and a post mortem revealed that death was caused by a fractured skull.

The inquiry was adjourned until Friday for the mother of the deceased to attend court in order to give evidence of identity.

THE LATE MR. HURLEY.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

The funeral of Mr. R. C. Hurley, the Colony's oldest foreign resident, who died at the ripe age of 79 years, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The coffin was followed to the graveside by a large number of friends, amongst whom were many who had grown up within his life-time and held him in terms of affectionate regard. A profusion of wreaths was laid over the grave, the short funeral service at the graveside being intoned by Father Banchio, assisted by Fr. Rosello and students of the Seminary.

Amongst those present, in addition to the chief mourners (Mr. and Mrs. J. Young), were Sisters of the Italian Convent, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Saffiad, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Marshall, Mrs. T. X. Duc, Mrs. R. Pestonji, Madame A. Kaufholz, Mrs. Best, Dr. Ombrinsky, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Mr. C. Rossetti, Mr. J. Landolt, Mr. J. W. Kew, Mr. C. Kew, Mr. T. Bolt, Mr. U. Gonnella, Mr. E. H. Summers, Mr. E. M. Hazeland, Mr. T. P. Tong, Mr. C. M. Piveteau, Mr. N. Van Tuong, Miss R. Rossetti, Miss A. Saffiad, Miss C. Bearwolf, Miss Lina Liao, and others.

Wreaths were sent by the Government Laboratory Staff, the Manager and Staff of the American Express Company, Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Limited, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Saffiad, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Landolt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bolt, Mr. and Mrs. U. Gonnella, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hazeland, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Tong, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Piveteau, Mr. and Mrs. N. Van Tuong, Miss R. Rossetti, Miss A. Saffiad, Miss C. Bearwolf, Miss Lina Liao, and others.

SILVER WEDDING.

KOWLOON DOCKS RESIDENTS
CELEBRATE.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur William Bliss, of Kowloon Docks, were the recipients of congratulations from a host of friends yesterday on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their wedding at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

Mr. Bliss is a very old resident of the East, having spent 27 years of his life in Singapore, Hongkong and Malacca. He married one of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hopwar in Hongkong in 1902, and they have two daughters and a son.

It was with the No. 26 Company S.D. Royal Artillery that Mr. Bliss first came to the East, arriving at Singapore in February, 1895, and being transferred to Hongkong in January, 1898. Returning to Singapore in 1901, he was seconded as Sergeant Instructor to the Malacca Volunteers until proceeding to England in August, 1905.

After five years at Home, Mr. Bliss returned to the East in 1911, securing an appointment with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company in December, 1915, in which company's service he had been for the past twelve years.

There was a happy gathering at the silver wedding celebrations yesterday.

VOLUNTEER CAMPS.

TO BE HELD ON WEEK-ENDS
NEXT MONTH.

The Volunteers will hold their annual camps as follows:

Dec. 2 to Dec. 4.
Dec. 9 to Dec. 11.
Dec. 16 to Dec. 18.

The camps will start from the evening of the first date given and end on the evening of the other day. The dates apply to all units of the Corps except the Engineer Company who, owing to the nature of their training, have had special arrangements made for them. These arrangements have all ready notified to the firms concerned; also the Artillery Company, the date of whose camp will be notified later.

The Volunteer Ordinance requires that every Volunteer must attend four full days in camp a year to count as such must be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Two days out of the four must be consecutive. Men with three full years of efficient service to their credit need only do two days in camp. Failure to comply with this obligation of efficiency renders the individual concerned liable to a fine of \$25.00.

POPPY DAY FUNDS.

SPLENDID RESPONSE BY
CHINESE COMMUNITY.

A gratifying response to personal letters sent to leading members of the Chinese Community by the local organisers of Earl Haig's Poppy Day Appeal was one of the features of this year's special effort. Among those who forwarded donations were:

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotevill, Messrs. Tsai Kung-po, Kwok Sui-lau, Ho Leung, Woo and Nash, M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo, Wong Kam-fook, Wong Tak-kwong, Ho Ju, Ho Kom-tong, Lo Cheung-shui, Ho Wing-tsun, Ho Wing, Choa Posen, H. Lo, Mok Kon-sung, Lo In-nin, Fung Ping-shan, C. Choa, and Sum Pak-ming.

In addition to those names already published, the Messrs. Fowler, D. Smith and Crosson assisted in the collection at East Point on Friday, the total amount realised being over \$325.

L. G. and S. Ellis, Baby Wilbur Marshall, and Messrs. William J. Allen, E. Best, J. Faers, T. F. Tong, C. H. Wong, E. R. Dovey, C. Van-Leo, and N. Van Tuong.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

INFERRED TO NATURAL
PRODUCT.

London, Nov. 15. Steadiness in rubber prices on the London market reflects scepticism regarding the early competition of synthetic rubber with the natural product, notwithstanding that German newspaper statements that the experimental stage has been passed, and that extensive manufacture by the Dye Trust is imminent.

Although the *Frankfurter Zeitung's* account of Herr Weinberg's statement implies that the experimental stage is not yet completed, the *Times* Cologne correspondent recalls that only two months ago the Director of the Dye Trust stated that a way has not yet been found to circumvent the excessive production costs, therefore it is not likely now to be in a position to place synthetic rubber on the market.

The correspondent, however, states that there is no doubt that the Dye Trust is making every effort to achieve its aim and possibly has made great strides during the last few weeks. It is learned from other sources that the Trust will shortly increase its capital to develop the new process, together with the production of synthetic petrol.—Reuter.

A CHINESE WILL.

REQUEST FOR CHILDREN'S
EDUCATION.

Lau Lai-chiu, alias Lau Tat-kung, alias Lau Ju-sun, late of 11 Seymour Road, ground floor, managing partner of Yim Fong photographers, who died on June 27, this year at Loo Bow Village, Szechuan District, Kwangtung province, left estate in Hongkong to the value of \$23,200.

Probate has been granted to Sun Nim-chi, 102 Queen's Road Central, and Lau Lai-sang, 142 Queen's Road Central, schoolmaster, friend and nephew respectively, both being executors.

The bequests are all of a family nature, and the last lines in the will read "I also hope that the two gentlemen (the executors) will take care of my children from time to time, so that they may receive adequate education, and that I, though dead, will rest in peace with eyes closed."

MR. CHARLES STUART.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN
VANCOUVER.

The death took place at the Vancouver General Hospital on November 11 of Mr. Charles Stuart, formerly of Hongkong. Mr. Stuart joined Messrs. Wm. Powell in 1916, entering the furnishing department of the store. He left in 1923 and went to Canada, since when he has not returned to the Colony. He was about 40 years of age and a native of Scotland. Among his relatives is Mr. W. Thomson of the Sanitary Department.

WAR DEBTS.

BRITAIN'S PAYMENTS
EXCEED RECEIPTS.

London, Nov. 15. The Financial Secretary to the Treasury states in a written answer to a Parliamentary question that the total amount of German reparation receipts by Britain, including the Belgian war debt up to November 1, was £45,000,000. The war debt payment to Britain by Italy, France and other states amounted in aggregate to £15,500,000. Total payments to the United States by Britain in respect of war debts amounted to £194,000,000.—British Wireless.

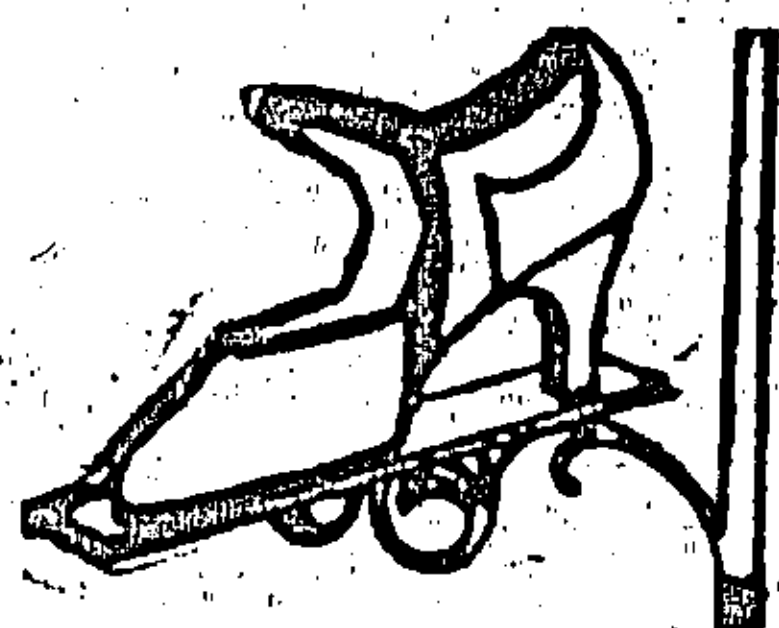
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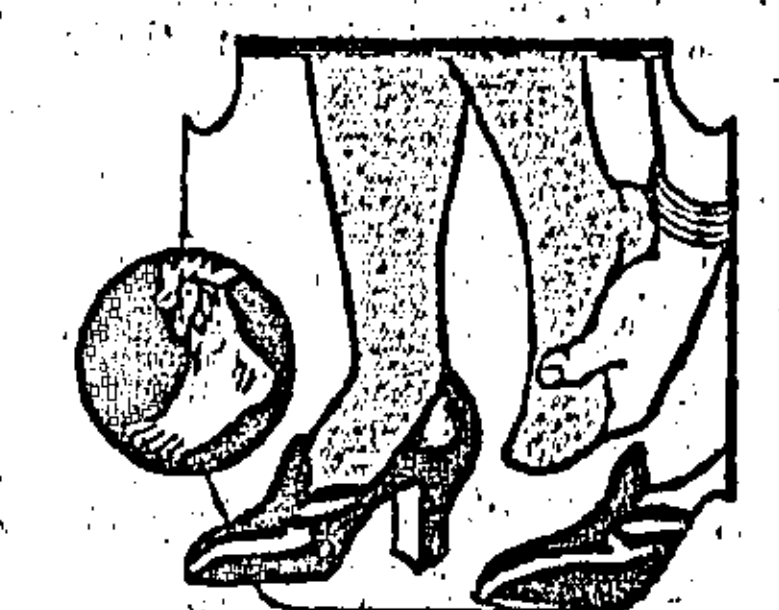
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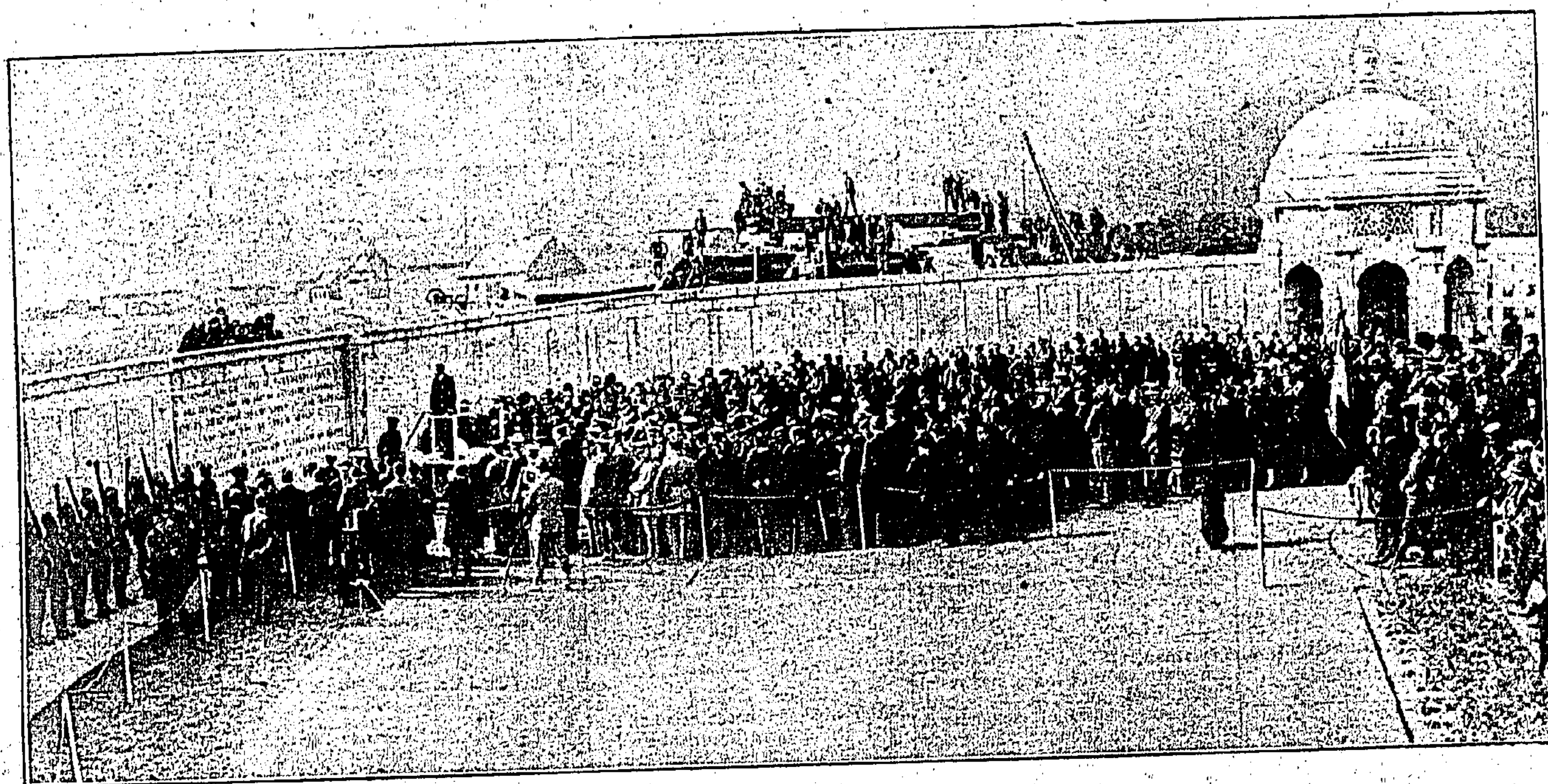




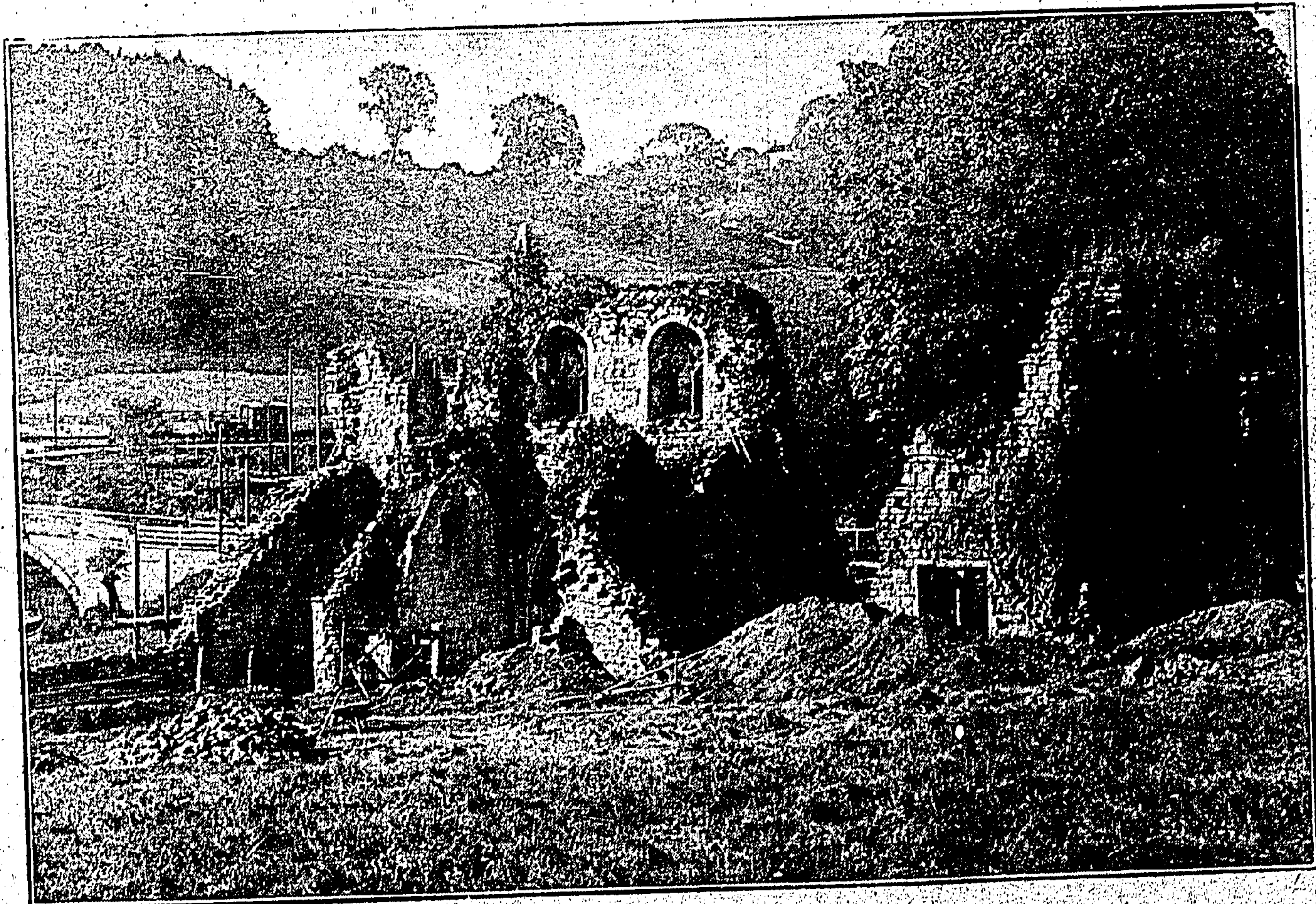
ATTACK ON SHANGHAI CONSULATE.—At the height of their fury, the White Russians, who recently attacked the Soviet Consulate at Shanghai showed much deliberation in their methods. This unusual picture, which was snapped by flashlight, shows the crowd sweeping into the principal entrance to the building in Whangpoo Road.



TRYING THEIR SKILL.—Lady visitors at the Yangtzepoo Lawn Bowls Club, Shanghai, closing afternoon were invited to try their skill with the bowls. The photographer has caught a fair contestant making her shot.



INDIAN MEMORIAL AT NEUVE-CHAPELLE.—The Indian Memorial erected near Neuve-Chapelle was unveiled by Lord Birkenhead. The ceremony was performed in the presence of Marshal Foch, the Maharajah of Kapurthala, the 30 representatives of the Indian Corp. in France who had come from India for the purpose, and a large gathering of British officers, visitors, and French residents in the neighbourhood. The monument, designed by Sir Herbert Baker, R. A., is unique among British war memorials in France. (Times copyright).



PRESERVING KIRKHAM ABBEY.—A view of part of the ruins of Kirkham Abbey, in the valley of the Derwent, Yorkshire which have recently been handed over to the Office of works by Sir Edward Allen Brotherton. The Abbey was founded for the Augustinian Canons in 1211 by Walter L'Espee, the founder of another Yorkshire Abbey, that of Rievaulx, in the North Riding. The work of preservation, which the Office of Works is carrying out, will probably take two years to complete. (Times copyright).

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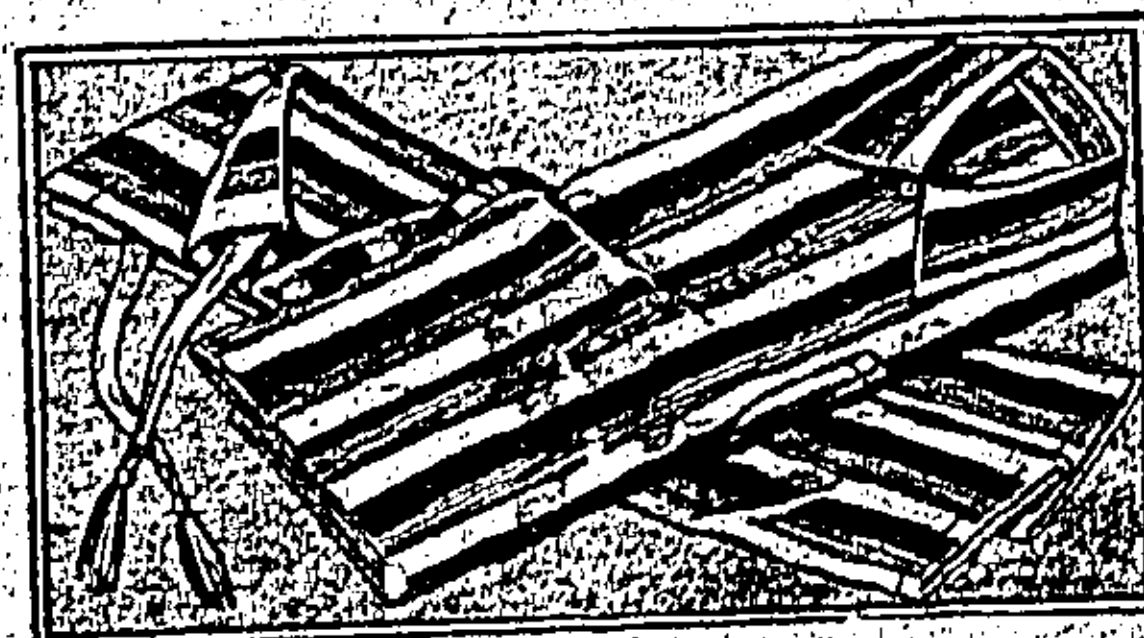
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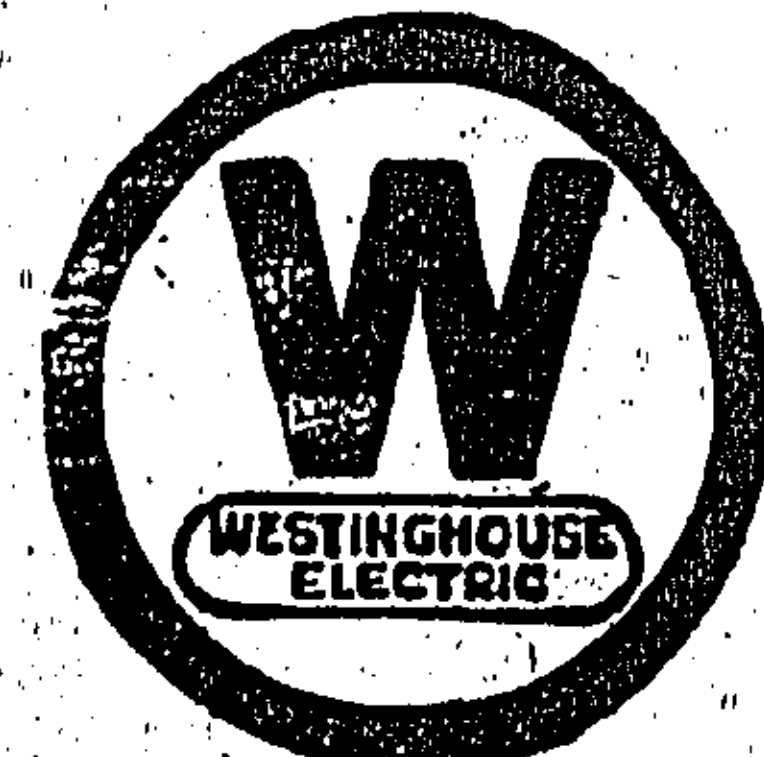
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Draft programmes and entry forms of the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to hold on Sunday, 11th December, 1927, can be obtained upon application to The International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hongkong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hongkong.

Entries will close on Friday, 25th November, 1927, at 3 p.m.

H. K. C. C.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

There will be a Stand on the Chater Road side of the Ground reserved for Members of the Club, Subscribers and their Ladies. Entrance by the small gate in Chater Road at the East end of the Pavilion.

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HONGKONG.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Wednesday, 16th November, 1927.

in St. John's Cathedral Hall commencing at 5.15 p.m.

All members, friends, and others interested cordially invited.

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Draft programmes and entry forms for the Autumn Meeting to be held on Saturday, 3rd December, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce, Grove, The Polo Club, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at noon on Saturday, 19th November, 1927.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

It is proposed to carry out the following programme:—

November 19th and 21st.

Shanghai v. Hong Kong.

November 22nd.

Malaya v. United Services.

November 23rd and 24th.

Shanghai v. Malaya.

November 25th.

Shanghai v. United Services.

November 26th and 28th.

Malaya v. Hong Kong.

Matches will, unless otherwise notified, commence at 10.30 each day. Tiffin interval 12.45 to 1.30 p.m. Draw stamps at 5 p.m.

A Stand at the corner of Queen's and Des Voeux Roads will be open to the Public at a charge of 50 cents per person per day. Benches on the Queen's Road side of the Ground will be reserved for sailors and Soldiers in uniform.

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Tentative arrangements have been made to hold a Children's Class for Highland Dancing at the Helena May Institute for one hour each week between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

A qualified Instructor has been provisionally engaged. Fees cannot yet be fixed, same being dependent on the number of pupils enrolled.

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Father William T. Heard, of the Dockland Catholic Church, Bermondsey, who rowed bow in the Oxford boat in 1907, has been appointed by the Pope a member of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota the supreme judicial court at the Vatican, and left London for Rome recently.

He will be the only Englishman on the rota, which consists of 12 members drawn from various countries, so that every language is represented, and takes the place of the late Monsgr. Prior, an Englishman, who was the Dean, or chairman.

A Doctor of Divinity, an expert in canon law and a qualified solicitor, Father Heard was a member of the Southwark Diocesan Court which investigated the decree for the annulment of the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough.

His appointment will mean permanent residence in Rome, where he was a student before his ordination, some eight or nine years ago.

His departure for Rome will be regretted by hundreds of men who have passed through his hands and benefited by his help.

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The Roman Rota is a Court which goes back to the 14th century, and at one time was the supreme court of Christendom.

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In these days its chief work is in dealing with matrimonial causes, but on an average, for the whole Roman Catholic world, the Court of Rota grants fewer than 15 nullity decrees yearly.

"Your Queen is a magnificent example to women. We Americans think she is a dear," said Mrs. Adelin Macaulay, the national president of the Women Auxiliary of the American Legion, when 2,000 American Legionnaires sailed from Southampton on the liner Leviathan. "She preserves dignity and grace without losing her usual charm, and affectionate regard, which are typical of womanhood. I had always thought that regal dignity would entail a sacrifice of homeliness, but I made the biggest mistake of my life."

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 17th to 23rd November, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height
Tues.	17	6.4	Wed.	17	6.4
Wed.	18	6.4	Thurs.	18	6.4
Thurs.	19	6.4	Fri.	19	6.4
Fri.	20	6.4	Sat.	20	6.4
Sat.	21	6.4	Sun.	21	6.4
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Mon.	23	6.4	Tues.	23	6.4

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LOST ISLAND RISES FROM SEA.

QUEER VANISHING TRICKS OF PACIFIC VOLCANO.

SEEN BY WARSHIP.

Falcon Islands is still bobbing up and down in the South Pacific.

A message from Suva stated recently: The British Agent and Consul in the Tonga Islands has sent a wireless message to say that a report received from H.M.S. Laburnum on October 8 announces that Falcon Island has reappeared, and is in eruption, the volcano playing for intervals of about one minute in every 20.

This island has a remarkable reputation among mapmakers for playing hide-and-seek. It was first seen in 1886, and its cliffs were then reported to be 150ft. high.

The island was put on the map, but soon afterwards it bobbed below the waves again.

It was lost for several years, but in 1898 there was another eruption, and it came up out of the ocean piping hot. Once more it vanished; then in 1900 it was discovered by the British naval authorities about 6ft. high.

Falcon Island has since continued its vanishing tricks, but this time it appears to have made a determined effort to be observed, for it is reported as being in its right position, 45 miles north of Nukunono in the Tongatabu group, and its size is considerable.

A survey makes it 1,730 yards long lying north and south, and 1,430 yards broad east and west. It is estimated that the sides of the island are over 300ft. high, sloping up gradually to the edge of the crater.

A CURIOUS "MURDER" CASE.

FATHER AND SUFFERING CHILD.

London, October 23.—A striking comment was made at the Chester Assizes when a young labourer named Albert Edward Davies was acquitted on a charge of murdering his four-year-old daughter.

The evidence showed that the mother died of tuberculosis and the child which was also tubercular developed gangrene of the face.

The prisoner sat up throughout the night nursing the child. Finally he put the child into a bath, where it was found dead, as he could not bear to see it suffering any longer.

In the charge to the grand jury the judge declared that "this case gives food for thought when one considers that had the child been an animal instead of a human being far from there being anything blameworthy in the man's action in putting an end to its suffering he would actually have been liable for punishment if he had not done so."

The medical evidence showed that the child could not have lived.

The judge in summing up said that if Davies did take the child's life he did so from the motive of love and sympathy for the child's suffering.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

XMAS LETTER MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN.
Xmas Letter Mail via Marseilles for Great Britain will be closed in the G.P.O. at 9.30 a.m. the 19th inst. per air "Suwa Maru". This mail is due in London on the 20th December.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Date
Amoy	Talamba	November 16.
Shanghai	Szechuen	November 16.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	November 17.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow	November 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	November 18.
Europe via Negapatam, letters only	Patroclus	November 18.
London 20th October		
Europe via Negapatam, papers only	Lisung	November 11.
London 20th October	Pres. Polk	November 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pros. Cleveland	November 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	November 21.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Mishima Maru	November 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru	November 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	November 22.
Shanghai	Mongolia	November 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date
Saigon	Tai Peak Sing . Wed., Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli . Thurs., Nov. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	New Mathilde . Thurs., Nov. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Newchwang . Thurs., Nov. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang . Thurs., Nov. 17, 10.30 a.m.
	Letters . noon
Java via Batavia	Tjkarang . Thurs., Nov. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea . Thurs., Nov. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Jadon . Thurs., Nov. 17, 2.30 p.m.
San Shui and Wuchow	San Ning . Thurs., Nov. 17, 4 p.m.
Japan	Tango Maru . Fri., Nov. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba . Fri., Nov. 18, 11.30 a.m.
	Letters . 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining . Fri., Nov. 18, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Suwa Maru . Sat., Nov. 19, K.P.O.
	Parcels . Nov. 18, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters . Nov. 19, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Registration Nov. 19, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters . Nov. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 18th December)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Patroclus . Sat., Nov. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kwelyang . Sat., Nov. 19, 5 p.m.
Bankok via Swatow	Kwelyang . Sun., Nov. 20, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru Mon., Nov. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sphinx . Tues., Nov. 22, K.P.O.
	Registration . 10 a.m.
	Letters . 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Registration . 11.45 a.m.
	Letters . 12.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 23rd December)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching . Tues., Nov. 22, Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Mishima Maru . Wed., Nov. 23, Registration . 8.45 a.m.
	Letters . Nov. 23, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 6th December)
Sandakan	Hinsang . Wed., Nov. 23, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada . Wed., Nov. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Lisung . Wed., Nov. 23, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Kwelyang . Wed., Nov. 23, 5 p.m.
Straits	Cremer . Thurs., Nov. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mongolia . Sat., Nov. 26, K.P.O.
	Parcels . 25th 4.30 p.m.
	Registration . 26th 9 a.m.
	Letters . 26th 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Registration . 26th 9.45 a.m.
	Letters . 26th 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 23rd December)
Weihaiwei	Chipsing . Sun., Nov. 27, 9 a.m.

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PREMIER'S MERRY QUIP.

A CIRCUS MANAGER WITH PERFORMING FLEAS.

SIR S. HOARE'S BOOK.

When Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, and Lady Maud Hoare started on their flight from England to India, the Prime Minister is reported to have said: "What with F.E. winning diving competitions in Madras, and Leo Amery skiing in the most mountainous regions up the Alps, and Sam Hoare flying to India, I feel like a circus manager whose performing fleas have escaped."

SNAKES WHICH EAT OTHERS.

OFFICIALLY ENCOURAGED IN BRAZIL.

If you asked the average person with any knowledge or experience of snakes what he or she thought of them, they would no doubt promptly reply: "Horrible! exterminate them!"

But there is one species which will never be exterminated at the hands of man—in fact, every effort is being made to breed it. In Brazil, the home of over 400 different species of snakes, many lives are lost annually owing to snake bite. Quite by accident the Brazilians discovered a means of reducing this mortality and combating the activities of the poisonous snakes. At a "snake farm" in Sao Paulo a large non-poisonous snake known as a "Mas-surana" one day accidentally got into the enclosure of the poisonous snakes. The consternation of the officials quickly turned to amazement as they watched the Mas-surana attack and devour, head first, a deadly poisonous specimen. Suffering repeated venomous bites without immunity, it subsequently attacked and ate another. Others of the same species were put in with the poisonous ones, and they each in turn attacked and devoured one.

That chance discovery has saved many thousands of lives in Brazil. The Government are now busily engaged in breeding the Mas-surana for distribution to all parts of the interior, where its appetite for its poisonous brethren will have unlimited scope—to the benefit of the inhabitants.

To India, where the mortality from snake bite is something like 1,000,000 lives annually, the Mas-surana, bred on a large scale, would prove a boon.

IPOH FLOODS SUBSIDE.

ALARM IN PAHANG.

The Times of Malaya says that with only a slight rainfall the flood waters in Ipoh have subsided appreciably but the Hale-Street end is still submerged and the water in the town drains has not yet been able to run off. The water on the concrete back lanes in the area bounded by Bedford Street, and Leech-Street has disappeared, leaving large quantities of filth and garbage for the Sanitary Board to deal with.

Meantime reports have reached our contemporary that Pahang is also experiencing very wet weather. Mentakab has already been flooded and the water is steadily rising. Hire cars in the place are doing no business as they cannot go either to Temerloh or Bentong because the water on several sections of the road is about waist-deep or more. The conditions in Mentakab are such that the residents fear a repetition of 1926 events. Some of the people who have been more scared than others are buying extra stocks of foodstuff while several others have left the place for localities that are generally unaffected by floods.

\$34,500 IN DOCTOR'S FEES.

A CASE FOR THE COURTS.

Don Thomas Caballero, an Argentine millionaire, has died after a short illness which cost the huge sum of \$34,500 in doctors' and specialists' fees. He has left an estate valued at \$300,000.

The heirs now complain that the doctors' charges are exorbitant. The case has gone to law, and the law charges are expected to amount to not less than \$50,000.

AIR LINE THROUGH AFRICA.

SIR ALAN COBBHAM'S PROJECT.

20,000-MILES OF SURVEY.

Sir Alan Cobham hopes to start soon on what he terms a utility flight of survey. His route is to be right round Africa, returning via the West Coast. The trip will be one of 20,000 miles. The craft to be used will be a Short All-Metals flying boat fitted with two Rolls-Royce Condor engines. At present it is the largest all-metal flying boat in the world and when loaded in the air weighs more than ten tons. Sir Alan believes that the flying boat will become perhaps the greatest commercial aircraft in the very near future. He hopes by means of this flight to help to bring about the early inauguration of the British Air Route through Africa. He is working in close conjunction with Mr. Blackburn and Capt. Gladstone, who are endeavouring to inaugurate the route between Egypt and Kenya, and hopes to come to satisfactory arrangements with various Governments of the countries he passes through so that the line will be continued through the highlands of Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, and Southern Rhodesia.

"Through Route." Next Year.

His company (Alan Cobham Aviation, Ltd.) has been working on this route for nearly twelve months, and they hope that by means of this flight to stimulate interest so that the "through route" will be running by the end of next year. Kenya will then be reached in seven days from England, instead of a month as at present. Rhodesia nine days, and South Africa ten days.

The route for this flight will be an entirely new one, for the great flying boat will pass down the River Nile to the Victoria Nyanza, and will then follow the chain of lakes and Tanganyika and Nyasa lakes to the coast at Beira. Thence the route will be round the coast via Durban and Cape Town to Walvis Bay, on to the Congo, fish Bay, on to Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and Sierra Leone, round French West Africa, Morocco, Spain, and back to London.

The Air Ministry, realising the utility and importance of this flight for British flying, has loaned the Short Rolls-Royce Singapore flying boat to Sir Alan. The crew will number five. There are seats for two pilots in the flying boat, and inside the metal hull there are writing desks, dining tables, and sleeping bunks. When the pilot has finished his watch at the controls, his place can be taken by one of the crew and he can turn in to his bunk, or should he wish to stretch his legs take a stroll up and down the 60ft. hull, or retire to one of the rear cockpits in the tail and take a seat to watch the passing scenery.

VERTICAL FLIGHT.

HUMMING-BIRDS GUARDED SECRET.

London, Oct. 24. Six hundred exposures of a film per second have failed to discover the secret of how a humming-bird hovers in the air while feeding. Air Ministry experts are of opinion that if they succeeded in filming the hovering trick they might solve the helicopter problem. The development of a film of the humming-bird's movements taken by means of a slow motion camera at the Zoo showed blurred wing movements. It is stated that if a camera can be found which is capable of giving 1,200 exposures per second, a successful film might be taken.

WALKING ON THE WATER.

INVENTION BY AN AUSTRIAN ENGINEER.

Vienna.—Walking on the water is an almost everyday affair at Klagenfurt, according to a report reaching Vienna from that city. Thanks to the invention of a construction engineer, A. G. Kollmann, it is now possible for any person to walk across a river or a lake if he wishes.

To demonstrate that he means business, Kollmann recently donned a pair of his water shoes and walked across the Woerthersee, a lake near Klagenfurt, several miles wide.

The "shoes" are, of course, rather large; but according to the statements of Kollmann and a number of friends who witnessed his feat, they are not very clumsy or difficult to wear, as long as the water does not get too rough.

By next summer Kollmann hopes to have finished a few little improvements which will make the shoes more comfortable. He also hopes to stage an experimental race on the Woerthersee.

REPTILES AS PETS.

LADY FOLKESTONE'S NEW HOBBY.

Viscountess Folkestone, wife of the eldest son of the Earl of Radnor, is having a special glasshouse built in the garden of Alhousie House, her Salisbury home, for some unusual pets she is about to acquire. They will include snakes and other reptiles.

She told a press reporter that she was greatly interested in reptiles, and had formed the idea of keeping various species to study their habits. She added:

I am not having my collection specially—I shall gather my collection gradually from shops in London.

I do not intend to keep poisonous snakes, or any reptile that is dangerous, but I should very much like to have a crocodile. The reptile house at the Zoo has always fascinated me, and I often visit it.

Part of the heated glasshouse in which I shall keep my collection will be used as an aviary, for I am also fond of birds. I shall breed goldfish, too. I already have a pack of hares.

Before her marriage, five years ago, Lady Folkestone was Miss Helena Adenre.

FORTUNE'S UPS AND DOWNS.

£15,000 MADE AND LOST

When Mr. James Joseph Mellor, aged 63, a cotton mill manager, whose deficiency is more than £14,000, appeared at his public examination at Oldham, he attributed his failure to his inability to meet calls upon cotton mill shares, depreciation in the value of the shares, and loss on cotton "futures" speculations.

He said he started work in a cotton mill the day after he was eight years of age. For nineteen years he had been employed as a mill manager, having previously worked eight years in India. Before 1919 he held 2,540 shares in a cotton mill, for which he obtained £45,000. Of that sum he gave £22,000 to his wife and £1,000 to each of his children.

He expended a further £12,000 in various ways, and with the £3,000 left he speculated in cotton "futures" and shares, which cost him £7,300. He had paid £300 to them in calls and owed £13,400.

The money he gave his wife and children was all invested in the same concerns as he was interested in, and every penny was lost. He gave £1,400 for a motor-car, which was sold for £85.

The examination was adjourned.

"FAKED" PICTURE GANG.

WOMAN WHO USES FAMOUS NAME.

EXPERTS DUPED.

A particularly astute gang of picture-fakers has been at work in London for some time, and so clever has been their work that even experts have been deceived.

The gang consists of three people, two men and a woman. The men are artists of no mean ability, and the woman poses as the descendant of a famous British officer. She has always been the medium through which the faked pictures have been sold, for a certain amount of trust and confidence has been induced in buyers by the name she has used and the setting in which she showed the picture to be "planted."

Their method was for one of the men to call on antique dealers with a story that Miss So-and-So had an "Old Master"—generally a Raeburn or a Romney—of which she wished to dispose. The picture could be secured for a "mere song" provided that a handsome commission was paid to the informant for introducing such a bargain.

Dealers have gone to Miss So-and-So's flat and heard a moving story of raising money immediately. They have been shown the "heirloom" hanging on the wall "in the place it has occupied since grandfather died," and have been given documents purporting to establish the picture's age and authenticity.

One West End dealer bought the picture, but on taking it to his galleries detected the fraud. He returned to the flat, and by resolutely refusing to leave the doorstop got his cheque returned.

Another dealer was not so fortunate and has had to debit £150—£30 for the picture and £80 in commission—against a picture worth at the most, as a copy, but a few pounds.

"The faking," said this dealer, "has been very cleverly done. The style of the artist has been reproduced exactly, and an appearance of age has been given to the canvas by, I suspect, baking it in an oven. This has caused the painting to crack and given it a general appearance of age."

WIVES' AUCTION STRUGGLE.

WOMAN'S BID FOR FORMER HOME.

Dranem, one of the best-known comedians on the French stage, whose real name is Armand Menard, has just played a leading role in a real-life sketch before the Correctional Court. He was accused by his former wife, now the wife of M. Maurice Yvain, of having illegally sold by auction furniture and valuable paintings which before the divorce belonged to husband and wife in common.

The principal item at the sale was a villa at Antibes on the Riviera. When the bidding began it was found that there were two keen rivals for it. One was Mme. Maurice Yvain and the other was the actress Suzanne O'Neill, who is Dranem's second wife. Finally the villa was knocked down for £2,400 to Dranem's first wife.

Later other of Dranem's belongings, including paintings, were sold in Paris, but the sale took place two days before the date originally advertised, and the comedian's first wife, who was not present on this occasion, is now suing him, alleging that he deliberately arranged matters with four auctioneer friends so that she could not be present at the sale.

The four auctioneers in their turn are suing Mme. Yvain for £240 damages for libel.

DOG RACE SCENE AT BRISTOL.

DECISION REVERSED AFTER PROTEST BY CROWD.

A curious incident took place at the greyhound race meeting at Bristol.

In the final of the Bristol Stakes for a silver cup and £100 the judge awarded the race to Pembroke Boy, whereupon there was a howl of protest from the crowd, who declared that Misomer had won.

For some time the number remained unaltered and the bookmakers paid out on Pembroke Boy, which was the outsider.

A number of the crowd, however, jumped on the track and demonstrated outside the judge's box, so the stewards called a meeting and awarded the race to Misomer.

The public now claimed their winnings on that dog, but the bookmakers objected to pay out on two winners in one event. In the end they closed their books and refused to do further business. The meeting was carried on, but a large section of the crowd, as soon as the betting was finished, left the meeting.

Later a deputation from the bookmakers waited on the management, and it was decided that in future, whatever the circumstances, the judge's decision, once given, would be final.

MALAYA BROADCASTING.

ACTION AGAINST COMPANY.

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 9.

Five Directors of the Malayan Broadcasting Service Limited, all Taiping residents, were charged by the Official Assignee with failing to make a proper return under the Companies Enactment.

Mr. Cole, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Low Yok Lin, who resigned the directorate on June 18 were discharged, the case against Dr. Ghows was postponed for a month. The other defendant, Mr. Leslie Cant, did not attend.

The Official Assignee, Mr. Williams said he intended applying for a warrant for Cant's arrest. His present whereabouts are unknown.

Mr. Williams stated the Company was registered on May 30, the secretaries being Gibson, Anderson and Butler, Kuala Lumpur. They resigned in June.

A letter signed by Cant and Ghows to the Chartered Bank stated the directors had authorised Cant to operate on the bank. He had drawn \$5,000 to \$6,000 from the Bank.

BRITISH PEOPLE IN CEYLON.

NOT THE RIGHT TYPE?

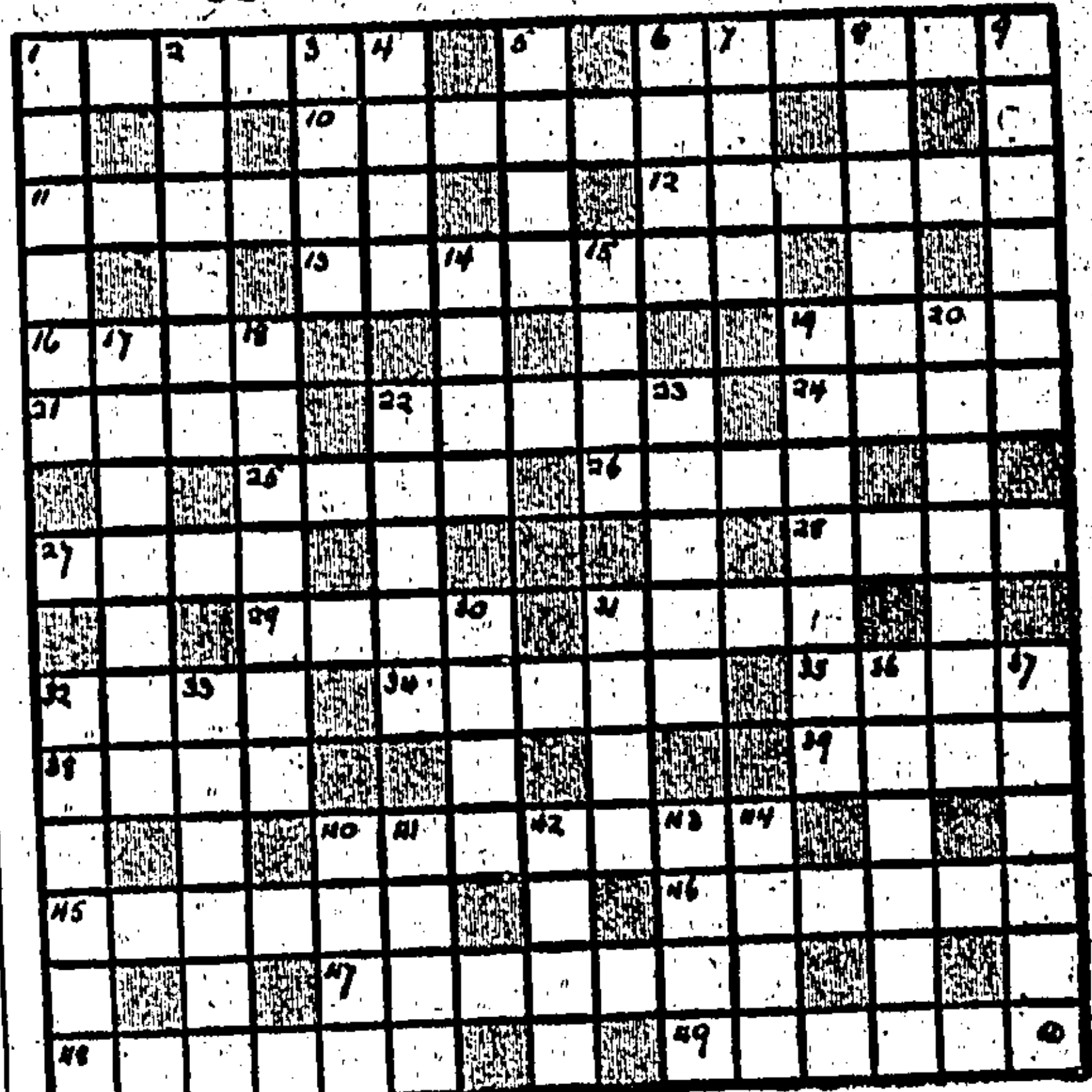
London, October 23.—Criticism of the type of British people resident in Ceylon was made at the annual dinner of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors by its president, Mr. W. Forbes Campbell, who has returned from a visit to Ceylon.

He stated that he was "sorry to say that I found that for a colony of ours there is not, to my mind, the right type of Britisher in the Island."

He considered that there was a great field in many British colonies for young and enthusiastic people in the fields of architecture, surveying and civil engineering provided they were the right type of men.

Generally speaking, he added, in Ceylon Continental people are ahead of us as far as type is concerned. We had a certain responsibility to our colonies and ought to see our way if we could to induce our young men to go abroad. There was a wide field in Ceylon, he said, for capable and straightforward contractors and engineers.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

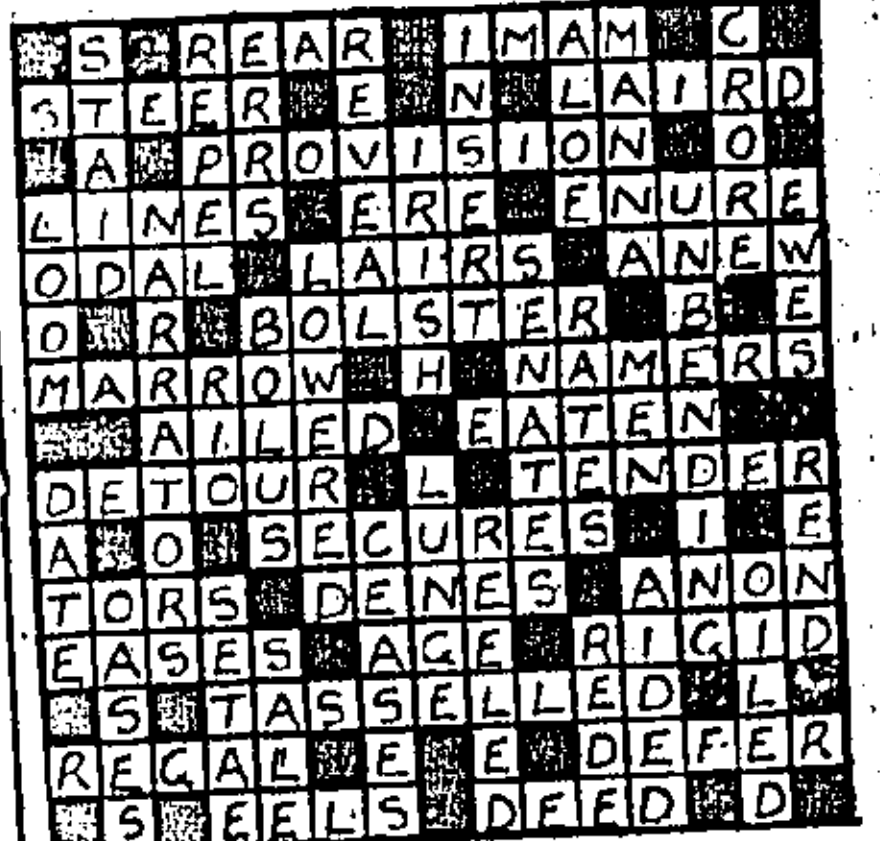


Across.
1 Caused to ring.
6 Cave.
10 Loft.
11 Evening meal.
12 Used for shunting.
13 Most close.
16 Unhesitating dash.
19 Heap.
21 Uncommon.
22 Garden implement.
24 Heavenly body.
25 Sickens.
26 Sunken space before window.
27 Agitate.
28 Portions of races.
29 Compound preposition.
31 Inhabits the British Isles.
32 Ireland.
34 Choose.
35 God of love.
38 Projecting stump.
39 Bombast.
40 Worn by Scotsman.
45 State of being behind.
46 Pertaining to Ionia.
47 Thieves.
48 Deduce.
49 Holy.
50 Withered.

Down.
1 Annoy.
2 Come into view.
3 Uniform.
4 Challenge.
5 Place to lie.
6 Asses.
7 Aperture.
8 Deduce.
9 Black man.
14 High mountains.

15 Name of two Scandinavian Books.
17 Gives light.
18 Approaching.
19 The Book of Psalms.
20 Small lamp.
22 Used in roofing.
23 Build.
30 Medley.
31 Cliff.
32 Literary compositions.
33 Relating to medicine.
36 Used in fencing.
37 Polled with stones.
40 Demand.
41 Gond.
42 Decays.
43 Songs.
44 Organ of smell.

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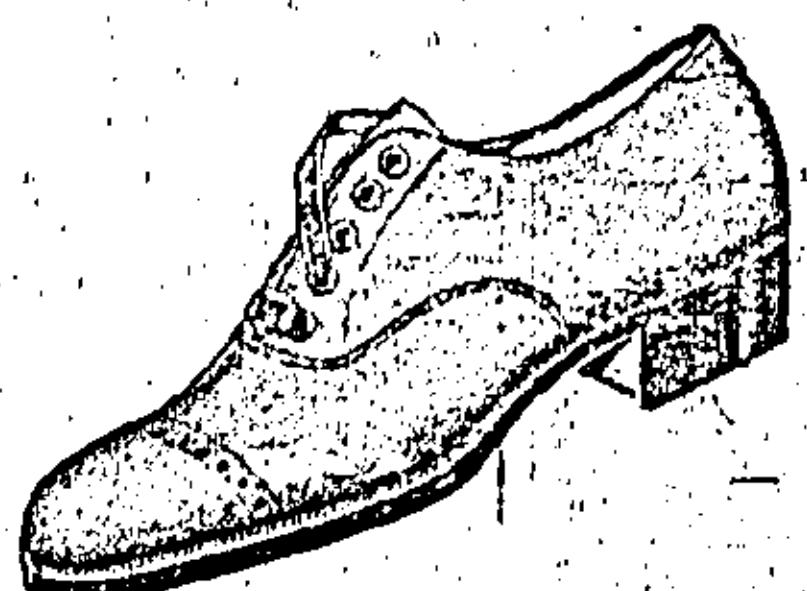
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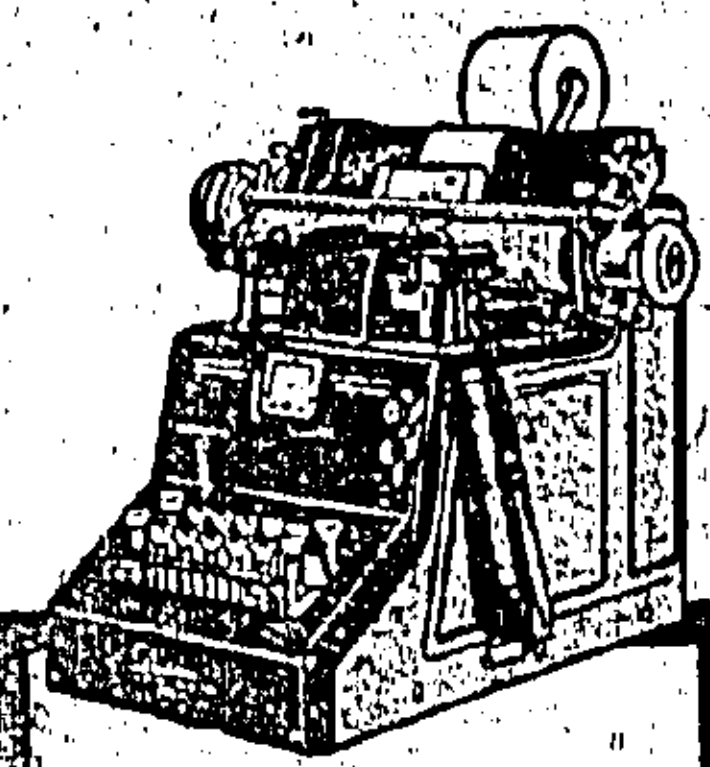
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DECLINE OF BRITISH COAL.

A very important debate on the British coal industry is to come up in Parliament to-day, in the course of which the Labour Party intends to introduce a motion of censure, demanding, as mentioned in a cable published yesterday, that immediate action be taken for the efficient organisation of coal mining, and for the relief of unemployed or partly-employed miners. Undoubtedly, there is a very serious decline in British coal mining, and the miners are among the worst sufferers in the industrial slump which has affected the country. In considering the matter of a return of industrial prosperity to Britain, much consideration has to be paid to the question of the coal trade, which, experiencing a steady decline over many years past, suffered a most severe blow a twelvemonth ago, when the disastrous coal stoppage affected practically every mine, and all branches of trade, in Britain. We referred recently to the falling away of Britain's export trade in coal, which was one of the mainstays of commerce at one time. How large that decline has been is strikingly set forth in a Home banker's review, which has just come to hand. Concerning the Birmingham position, it is pointed out that, with the market over-supplied, prices of fuel have been weak and irregular. The demand for household coal was not greatly stimulated until towards the end of September, and only in the latter part of the month did the slight expansion of trade in industrial quantities occur. Supplies, therefore, have become further unbalanced, and large tonnages of slack and small coal remain unabsorbed, though very low prices have been accepted to expedite the working of the pits. At some collieries, the miners were employed only about half-time in the early weeks of September, and though the position improved later, progress was mainly on the house coal side. There was insufficient expansion in the demand for coke to affect the market position.

When we come to exports, we learn that at Cardiff, the month of September has brought no improvement to the South Wales coal trade, either in the general position or in the immediate outlook. Production continues to suffer

from the closing of pits and irregular working. In the four weeks ended September 10th last, the output averaged only about 900,000 tons, and having regard to the improvements which for some time past have been taking place in the equipment of the pits and in the facilities for the shipment of coal, the actual production is 30 per cent., or even more, below the possible output. At the South Wales ports, the Great Western Railway Company has, in recent years, spent large sums of money in increasing the facilities for the shipment of coal, while the two continuous trimming shifts, which, during periods of pressure in recent years, were responsible for long detentions of vessels in port, have been superseded by a day and night trimming shift system.

The main cause of the severity of the present depression, it is stated, is the diminution in the volume of the foreign demand. The coal shipment capacity of the South Wales docks is to-day probably over 3 million tons per month, but this year, the shipments have averaged about 1,900,000 tons per month, while in August they totalled only 1,700,000 tons. These are figures that truly tell their own tale of lost business and an unpromising future.

Knowing the Empire.

The forthcoming departure for East and Central Africa of a Commission, headed by Sir Milton Young is yet a further reminder of the growing tendency on the part of the authorities at Home to take every possible advantage of opportunities which present themselves to gain first-hand information concerning the problems of various parts of the Empire. The recent visit of Mr. Baldwin himself to Canada is well within public memory, whilst the Secretary of State for the Colonies is at present on a tour of the various Dominions, and the Secretary for Air has been on a flight to India, whither also the Minister for War is shortly to go. A Statutory Commission is also to pay a visit to the Indian Empire, and a special Commission is now about due in Ceylon for the purpose of studying the question of the reform of the Constitution of that Crown Colony. All these developments are to be welcomed, for they not only indicate a desire on the part of the Home Government to secure a thorough understanding of various Imperial issues, but they have the additional value of resulting in Home politicians getting an opportunity of revising views and opinions which we fear are all too often based on misconceptions. Here in Hongkong, and in the Far East generally, Britishers sometimes have a feeling that their problems and trials are all too little understood and appreciated by the Colonial and Foreign Offices and by politicians generally. That is, unhappily, one of the consequences of the outlying parts of the Empire being ruled from London. Maybe, however, we shall one day have the opportunity of welcoming a Commission from Home, composed of men who are anxious to learn the truth concerning the position of Britishers in the East. If ever that day does come, there will, we are sure, be no hesitancy on the part of those who know the facts to impart their knowledge to those in search of the truth.

THE NEW CABARET COMPANY.

GREAT SUCCESS SCORED
LAST NIGHT.

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night, the Our Cabaret company scored a great success with their new programme, "Cocktails." Altogether there were 20 items, every one of which gave a large measure of enjoyment to those present, there being plenty of fun, with one or two turns of a more serious variety, which fitted into the programme very well.

A scene entitled "The Strong Silent Man" was brief, but nevertheless was of such a nature as to provide great amusement. In the second part the palm must be given to "A Fort in a Storm," a laughter-raising little act that was as novel as it was funny. In addition there were dancing and singing of a pleasing nature, and the whole made an evening's entertainment that is well worth going to see.

The same programme will be repeated to-night, and there will be another change to-morrow.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS MANIFEST THAT ALL GOVERNMENT OF ACTION IS TO BE OBTAINED BY KNOWLEDGE, AND KNOWLEDGE, BEST, BY GATHERING MANY KNOWLEDGES, WHICH IS READING.—Sir Philip Sidney.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Empress of Russia, which left Hongkong on the 26th October, arrived at Vancouver on the 14th November.

A Chinese passenger, who arrived yesterday on the Empress of Asia, has reported to the police the theft of money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$100.

Owing to the activities of local Communists, and hoping to prevent disturbances along the railway, the military have declared martial law in Soochow, Wushu, and Changchow.

The Nationalist authorities have forbidden the export of rice, as they are afraid the grain will fall into the hands of the enemy and that there may be a shortage in this part of the country.

With a considerable reduction in the number of ships in harbour, neither the Kowloon Godowns, nor Holt's wharf had a ship alongside at 9 o'clock this morning, a somewhat unusual occurrence for mid-week.

While a Chinese musician was entertaining an audience in the Public Square at Yau-mat yesterday, a thief removed a gold watch and chain from the musician's pocket. The value of the stolen property is placed at \$32.

A Chinese, who was arrested on the Star Ferry Wharf yesterday, with six tael of non-Government opium in his possession, preferred to jump his bail of \$400 rather than appear before Major C. Willson to answer the charge this morning.

A musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 24th November, at 5.30 p.m. A Programme of "Romantic Music" will be given. Tickets to be booked at the Secretary's office. Tens may be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—Adv.

The hearing of the case of armed robbery committed on board the steam launch Wo Fat Shing on October 12 was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when, after further evidence, the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

The Colony's health return for last week shows three cases of typhoid (one Swedish and two Chinese, all imported), of which two terminated fatally, as well as two fatal Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever. One Chinese case of each disease has since been reported.

The Chinese Mission to Lepers gave a reception in Shanghai to Dr. Robert G. Cochrane, medical adviser of the Mission to Lepers, London, on Thursday evening. Dr. Cochrane said that a model leper home should be established in Shanghai to show the Government and the people, in a concrete manner, what could be done to rid China of leprosy.

Three gangs of armed robbers were foiled in Shanghai by tenants of houses they attempted to burgle on Thursday last. At 6.20 p.m., in the Louza district, six men were frightened off when the master created a disturbance. The quick wit of a ship's assistant, who turned off the light on a gang's approach, at 61 Yulin Road, alarmed the robbers, who decamped with nothing after firing one shot. Four men at 2014 Sinza Road were none the richer, when they left post haste.

The current movie programmes at the World Theatre and the Star Theatre are being screened for the last time this evening. The picture at the World Theatre is "Rudolph Valentino's great romance," "Monsieur Beaucaire," which is screened with orchestra at 6.15 and 9.20 and with an interpreter at 2.30 and 7.15. The picture at the Star Theatre is "Merton of the Movies," starring Viola Dana. The programme at the Star Theatre is continuous from 5.30 to 8.30 only, the new Our Cabaret at 9.15 presenting the revue "Cocktails."

CHINESE MINER'S FORTUNE.

ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL ESTATE.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$20,000 was left by Yap Lien-heung, alias Yap Hiong, alias Yap Lin-hiong, alias Yap Lin-heong, alias Yap Lin-heung, who died at 19, Fudu Lane, Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S., on November 14th last year. Deceased was a miner.

Re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. L. R. Andrews, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, the law firm, attorneys of the widow, Chong Ngai-yein, alias Chong Shi, who is the executrix and the adopted son, Yap Kiu-tsong, the executor.

The will makes provision for the appointment of three additional sons as executors when they shall have reached their majority.

The will directs that the sum of \$2,000 shall be applied to the deceased's funeral expenses, and \$1,500 for the funeral expenses of his wife. Other sums are also set aside for family funeral expenses. In addition, he bequeaths an annuity to his wife of \$600 during her widowhood, to be paid in monthly instalments of \$50. The will also provides for monthly payments to his sons and grandsons, and directs that every son and daughter shall receive \$200 each on their marriage.

After making other family bequests, deceased orders that the trustees shall set aside a house at 56, Sultan Street, Kuala Lumpur, as a family house, to carry on the ceremonies in connexion with family worship.

"THE MAGICIAN."

TO-DAY'S BIG FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

Another notable picture is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day. "The Magician" is a remarkable story by Somerset Maugham which has been produced by Rex Ingram, the man who made the "Four Horsemen," "Mara Nostrum" and "Scaramouche."

The picture is a credit to Rex Ingram and it will be remembered here as one of the outstanding productions of the year. Having been filmed entirely in Europe, it presents many settings of great scenic and historical interest.

The central figure in the story is a half-mad magician who thinks he has discovered the secret of life and casts a spell over a beautiful young girl whose life he believes he must take as part of his experiments.

The struggle between the magician and the girl's lover for the mastery of her soul makes a thrilling narrative and the climax is equally sensational. Some of the incidents, notably the dance of the faun, are very striking.

The leading players are the popular American star, Alice Terry, and the famous German actor, Paul Wegener. The supporting cast includes British, French and Sorbian actors of note. Altogether "The Magician" is a picture of exceptional force and colour.

GUILD FUNDS.

OVER \$1,600 SAID TO BE
MISSING.

Co-incident with a change in the administration of the Tea-house Employees' Guild at No. 80, Connaught Road West, comes a report that funds amounting to \$1,650 have disappeared from the coffers of the Guild.

This discovery is said to have been made after an official and two clerks had disappeared and after the books had been subjected to an audit.

A report has been made to the police and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the missing men.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Nov. 15.	
Paris	124.05
New York	487 13/32
Brussels	34.94
Geneva	25.27
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	30 3/4
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.41
Vienna	34.55 1/2
Frankfurt	103 1/2
Hamburg	103 1/2
Madrid	28.60 1/2
Lisbon	27 1/2
Athens	88 1/2
Bucharest	78 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Shanghai	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	1/10 15/32
Yokohama	28 11/16
Silver (forward)	28 1/2

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The Very Idea!

The self-starter was sulking, and the driver had to get out and wind the handle. He cranked it for five minutes, while a small crowd collected. Then a dear old person pushed her way to the front and pressed a penny into his perspiring hands.

"My good man," she said kindly. "I wish all barrel-organs were as quiet as yours."

Amusing reminiscences on life on the old Great North of Scotland Railway system were related at a presentation ceremony to Mr. John Kemp, passenger agent at Aberdeen, who retired recently on completing fifty years' service, partly with the original company and afterwards with the Northern Scottish section of the London and North-Eastern Company.

It was stated that in the early days there were no "fast express trains," and one stationmaster related with great glee the fact that a guard told him of an occasion when he shot nine rabbits and three hares from his van while the train was going from one station to another.

The guard on another journey left his train at a station, donned a tweed jacket and cap, and went shooting with his gun and dog. The foreman, who did not recognise him, saluted him as he went out of the station.

Sub-inspector: Were you drunk yesterday?

Female Defendant (tearfully): Yes, I made a mistake. I meant to drink (sob) lemonade.

Defendant: I'm a canvasser on an admission basis.

Sub-inspector: Bring in the men!

Constable: Would you mind coming in please, gentlemen?

A Peking Chinese student solved a difficult matrimonial problem. He was engaged to marry a girl, and on the eve of his wedding he fell in love with her sister. He appealed to the family, and it was suggested that he should marry both!

We cannot forgive Ruskin for seeing no merits in St. Paul's Churchyard.—Dean Inge.

The choice of a career is, in nine cases out of ten, haphazard and accidental.—Sir John Reith.

Gentlemen of the University seem more easily amused than any rustics I have ever seen.—Mr. Justice Rowlatt (at Cambridge).

Cultivate charm and dress well.—Mr. W. W. Vaughan, headmaster of Rugby (in an address to schoolgirls).

Told by Mr. Theodore W. Koch, Illinois, at the annual dinner of the Library Association:

"How do you like Prohibition?"

"It's better than no liquor at all."

Delegates to the Undertakers' Convention in Chicago put in a busy day recently discussing ways and means for making America a better place to die in, and before the day was finished they had reached the conclusion that Americans can "morticians," as they call them, had already achieved a state of perfection in their work which put Pharaoh's embalmers to shame. The ancient Egyptians, the undertakers admitted, could do a fairly good job, but it was amateurish as compared with the modern undertakers' art, which preserved perfectly the contour of the body and a life-like appearance. While the Egyptians eternalised the image of death, the modern "mortician" simulated life, imparted to the features a rosy glow, and provided a nice, cheerful, pink cheek. As to cost, the Egyptian embalmers, with spices, incense, and myrrh, charged the equivalent of £1,400 to turn out a passable mummy for to-day's museums, and the result could not compare with what the modern undertaker achieves for the moderate cost of £40.

Salesman—"Here is a very nice pistol, sir. It shoots nine times."

Customer—"Say, what do you think I am—a polygamist?"

Dr. W. V. M. Koch resumed his seat on the Sanitary Board at a meeting of the Board yesterday. Dr. Koch has recently returned from a holiday, and during his absence his place has been filled by Mr. J. P. Braga. All the business at the meeting was of a formal nature. Those present were Mr. W. J. Carrie (President), Mr. R. A. C. North (S.C.A.), Mr. H. T. Jackman (D.F.W.), Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Dr. S. W. Tao, Dr. S. G. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and Mr. D. Davies (secretary).

AN EARLY MORNING FIGHT.

MAN THROWN INTO THE HARBOUR.

ONE ARREST MADE.

Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department are engaged in tracing the whereabouts of two participants in a crime which occurred on the central water-front in the small hours of this morning, and is believed to have resulted in the death by drowning of an unknown man.

They have already arrested one man and expect before long to secure the others on a warrant issued on a charge of manslaughter.

It is stated that at 2.30 this morning, a fight occurred outside the Shekai junk wharf, in which the odds appeared to have been heavily against one man, who was being attacked by three others. Pushing and struggling, the assailants at length threw their victim to the ground, where he was dragged along for some distance before being pushed over the sea-wall into the water. He never appeared again.

A somewhat scared spectator of this crime, a lone coolie returning to his home in Tung Tak Lane, raised the alarm by shouting "Save life!" and a chorus of police whistles followed, during which a man who was seen to run along under the verandah with two others was arrested. His companions escaped.

The arrested man will be produced before the Magistrate tomorrow.

"KOWLOON PIER."

FOUNDATIONS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

Having been allowed to remain for nearly three months undisturbed, and unsafe for use by craft other than small motor-boats, the Tsim Sha Tsui Pier, which was badly battered in the typhoon of August 20th, is to be repaired, the Government having invited tenders for the reconstruction of its supports. It may be regarded as satisfactory, however, that the responsible authorities, in moving at this stage, have decided to carry out the repair work on a big scale rather than to attempt to patch up the damaged portions of the pier.

The plans provide for the removal of the existing timber and steel struts, braces and landing stairs, etc., and the reconstruction of the whole foundations in reinforced concrete. The scheme is to re-build on much the same lines as the renovation recently completed in connection with Black Pier.

Enquiries by a Telegraph representative to-day elicited the fact that the work will be proceeded with as soon as possible, and that the pier will probably be ready for use early in the New Year.

PORTUGUESE FLAG DISCRIMINATION.

BRITISH INTEREST IN MEASURE.

London, Nov. 15. Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, the President of the Board of Trade, was asked what progress had been made in negotiations with the Portuguese Government over their flag discrimination decree. He said he understood that a commission appointed by the Portuguese Government to examine the question of shipping charges, had made its report, and a decree might be issued by the Portuguese Government shortly. The decree when issued would be examined, to see how far it met the joint representation made to the Portuguese Government.—British Wireless.

MR. HAYLEY MORRIS SEEMS DIVORCE.

CO-RESPONDENT CLAIMS DAMAGES.

London, Nov. 15. On the application of counsel for Mr. Hayley Morris, the divorce court has fixed November 29 for hearing his suit against his wife.

Counsel explained that the application was necessary because the Hong Office would have to be asked to remove him from his present prison to a more convenient spot to attend the proceedings.

Counsel for the co-respondent mentioned that there was a heavy claim for damages, which formed the main contest to the suit.—Reuter.

THE NEW H. K. C. C. CLUBHOUSE.

A NUMBER OF NOTABLE IMPROVEMENTS.

IN TIME FOR INTERPORT.

The holding of this year's Interport cricket contest in Hongkong, which commences on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground on Saturday, coincides with the virtual completion of the work to enlarge the clubhouse. Although there will be minor finishing-off work to do after the interport matches have been concluded, all essential work is at an end, and the much-needed extra accommodation will be available for the Interport Week.

When a Telegraph representative visited the clubhouse this morning, he found that the enlarged pavilion is one of which the Club might well be proud. The whole of the ground floor is now given over to dressing rooms, which have been refurnished with new and improved lockers, and there is now a separate changing room available for two teams.

The main staircase of ferro-concrete is of handsome design and leads to the new first floor, on which are situated the new and enlarged bar, big central lounge, reading room, and scoring box. A feature of the new lounge is the manner in which it gives an uninterrupted view of the playing pitch, the three main window panels having been so arranged that the windows can be made to slide along to each end and leave a completely open front. From here, and also from the small verandah, which runs along in front, a delightful view of the ground is obtained.

The reading room and scorers' box are on the Supreme Court side of the building, and the bar is on the Naval Yard side, the whole of this new top floor constituting a very fine addition to the clubhouse. There is a service lift, and it is proposed to resume, as from December 1, the serving of tillies every day for members.

The clubhouse is being refurnished throughout by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. The architects for the building are Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood, and the work has been carried out by Messrs. Sang Lee under the personal supervision of Mr. Rankin.

FREIGHT MARKET REPORT.

A FAIR BUSINESS BEING DONE.

Reporting from Shanghai on November 10, Messrs. Wheelock and Co. state:

The situation in our outward freight markets we find to be as follows:

To the United Kingdom and Continent, there are small parcels of sesame seeds moving, also a little tea and general cargo, but nothing much to speak of.

The water in the Yangtze has fallen considerably since the last of November and the season for direct loading steamers at Hankow is finished, but cargo is coming down by river steamers for transshipment in Shanghai in fair quantities and exports might even be better were it not for the continuance of hostilities in the Yangtze Valley.

The Dairen and Vladivostok markets show no change, but some fixtures have been made for beginning of next year at average rates, although the demand for space is not as strong as might be expected.

Coastwise: The regular liners are fairly well occupied in all directions and there is quite a lot of cargo moving from Newchwang to Southern ports, but not much doing to Canton, apparently there is another anti-British boycott threatening. Trade on the river is brisk and steamers are coming down from Hankow and ports with full cargoes.

SUGAR CONFERENCE DECISION.

BRITAIN'S ONLY SAFEGUARD.

London, Nov. 15. In a letter to the Press Association referring to the Paris Sugar Conference decision, Mr. Ben Morgan, the Chairman of the Sugar Federation of the British Empire, declares that Great Britain will again be subject to organised foreign control of a staple food-stuff, and that the only safeguard lies in the development of the Empire's sugar industry.

The Federation asks for free entry of Empire sugar into Great Britain if sold to a British refiner. A New York message states that following the announcement of the Paris Sugar Conference decision, sugar securities are unusually active on the Stock Exchange, the advances ranging from two to four points.—Reuter.

FASCISTI & REDS.

SEQUEL TO SHANGHAI RAID.

CAPTAIN HOWARD RESIGNS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 12. This has been one of the most hectic weeks through which we have passed, and the experience has left Shanghai almost breathless. While, at one end of the town, thousands donned holiday garb to attend the autumn racing festival, a tragic transaction was taking place at the other end, the final outcome of which it is impossible to foresee. By this time, the officials of the Soviet Consulate must be realising that they have made a woeful blunder when they decided to celebrate a decade of Bolshevism with a scheme of electric decorations of the reddest revolutionary order. Several days before the advent of the Red anniversary, the precincts of the Consulate presented the appearance of an industrious hive, with large numbers of workmen engaged on transforming the exterior of the structure, which later was declined to attract so much attention to itself. The sickle and hammer emblem of the Soviet, the huge star of the Bolshevik firmament, the red bunting and lights and the high-shooting fountain were of the deepest incarnadine hue, changing the skyline in that particular area. Like crimson streaks of light stabbing a red sky, the local Soviet officials emblazoned their electric insignia against the darkness of the night. Small wonder that their bitter political adversaries, the White Russians, whose numerical strength has latterly increased, should have literally seen red and made for the Consulate with the impetuosity of the maddened bull charging the red rag waved before it.

CHURCH PROBLEMS.

Five Interesting Articles.

Commencing to-morrow, the Telegraph will publish daily a series of intensely interesting articles on the present-day needs of the Church. These articles, five in number, are from the pen of the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, lately Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Field, and are extracts from his striking book, "The Impatience of a Parson," which is shortly to be published.

The writer's frank and outspoken observations on institutional religion have been eagerly read at home and they will no doubt arouse equal interest here.

From evidence that has come into the possession of the local authorities, there is ground for believing that the Soviet consular officials were advised against an ostentatious display of any kind in view of the fact that feeling was known to be running high in the ranks of the Whites. This admonition was ignored, just as the offer of protection by the Municipal Police on the eve of the outbreak was spurned, the consular authorities curtly declaring that they were well able to take care of themselves, though they are now hotly denouncing the local municipal authorities for alleged negligence in preventing the attack!

Mass Psychology. Some of the aspects of the incident at the Soviet Consulate, which is uppermost in the public mind at the time of writing, present interesting phases of mob psychology which appear to have been common.

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OPIUM CASE TO BE RE-HEARD.

QUESTION OF DEFENDANTS' PLEA.

SOLICITOR'S WITHDRAWAL.

A rather curious development arose in the application for the re-hearing of an opium case, the proceedings in which were adjourned from last Saturday until this morning, when Mr. M. K. Lo, who had originally applied to Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy for the case to be reopened, withdrew entirely from the case and left the application in the hands of Mr. A. E. Hall, who had received subsequent instructions.

Mr. G. R. Sayer appeared on behalf of the Revenue Department.

The case in question is one in which the master of a junk was fined \$4,000 by Mr. W. Schofield for having in his possession 500 taels of prepared opium, while two fokis were each fined \$1,000 for a similar offence.

On Saturday last, Mr. Lo applied for a re-hearing on the grounds of misinterpretation in the case of the two fokis, and the making of an involuntary statement by the first defendant, who was stated to have been assaulted by the Revenue Officers.

This morning, Mr. Lo said that in view of the developments which were taking place in the application for the re-hearing of the case, and for other reasons, he would ask his Worship to obliterate entirely from his mind any statement or accusation that he had made, as he did not intend to pursue his application any further.

Mr. Lo, said that, in the presence of Mr. Sayer, he would repeat the statements made at the previous hearing regarding the alleged assault and reminding his Worship that he had intimated at the previous hearing that he had specifically stated the defendants were in prison and his instructions were merely hearsay. Mr. Lo asked that his Worship disregard everything he had said and consider the case as if he (Mr. Lo) had made no appearance before his Worship at all.

"Different Ideas."

Since the last hearing, Mr. Lo had had a conversation with the Revenue Officer in charge of the case, and as a result of what he had been told he did not feel justified in pursuing the matter further.

Different solicitors had different ideas and principles, continued Mr. Lo. He personally made it a rule not to apply for a re-hearing unless he was satisfied that such application was justified. In this case, Mr. Lo did not go into the truth or otherwise of the instructions he had received, because, for one reason, he had had no time.

In concluding his address, Mr. Lo again asked that his Worship should not be prejudiced against the defendants by anything he had said.

Mr. Sayer acknowledged Mr. Lo's recognition of principle, and the correctness of Mr. Lo's attitude, regarding his withdrawal of the accusations he had made.

Mr. Hall then said that he wished to renew the application made by Mr. Lo, on the same grounds as were submitted by him. He (Mr. Hall) said he thought that the grounds submitted were sufficient to justify his Worship to re-hear the case.

The defendants, he said, were charged with being in possession whereas in truth and in fact the opium, or some of the opium, was found at the bottom of the harbour. There was no evidence before his Worship that the opium was at any time on board the sampan.

"I take it," said Mr. Hall, "that your Worship convicted the defendants, accepting the defendants' pleas as pleas of guilty."

I need not repeat Mr. Lo's interpretation of the word *hag*. Hearing the charge read out to them they would say *hag*, meaning "I know what you are talking about."

"I understand that on that alone your Worship convicted them and fined them. On that ground I think it only just and right that they should be asked to plead again."

A Difficult Position.

In reply to Mr. Hall's application, Mr. Sayer rose and said that he was in a rather difficult position. Nothing would give him more pleasure than an opportunity of refuting the allegations made against his Department, but he did not think there was any ground for rehearing, which would merely be a waste of time.

At this stage Mr. Lo suggested to his Worship that the application should be granted, as then his Worship would go thoroughly into the matter. The observation was made that as a matter of justice, said Mr. Lo.

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AFTERMATH OF U.S. DISASTER.

CROWDS THROGGING PITTSBURG'S MORGUE.

DONATIONS FLOWING IN.

Pittsburg, Nov. 15.

Poignant incidents are associated with yesterday's explosion.

Thousands of people surged round the doors of the morgue anxious to view the dead. The authorities appealed to those accounted by curiosity to depart, and make room for the bereaved. The morgue is so congested that the regular undertakers have summoned outside assistance. Monetary subscriptions are already flowing in freely.—Reuter's American Service.

EARLIER REPORT.

Workmen Responsible.

Pittsburg, Nov. 15.

Workmen using acetylene torches to repair the giant gas tank are believed to have been responsible for the explosion which brought the crazed inhabitants rushing from their houses in the belief that the town was visited by an earthquake.

All the available police, firemen, doctors and nurses are still on duty caring for the injured and rescuing those entombed. An area of a square mile has been roped off. It resembles a shell-shattered area in the war zone. Dangling telephone and electric light wires, unearthened waterpipes, broken glass and masonry strewn the roads.

All the hospitals are crowded with victims, who are so numerous that at the Allegheny hospital the steps of the main door are covered with blood.

Up to the present 28 are known to be dead and more are missing. Many of the vehicles commandeered to transport the injured are ironically labelled "No Accident Month" which—Pittsburg, with other municipalities, are at present celebrating.

There were heavy casualties in the rows of flimsy tenements and houses on the sidestreets, which collapsed burying the tenants.—Reuter's American Service.

MR. COOLIDGE AND THE FARMERS.

NO TARIFF CONCESSION.

Washington, Nov. 15.

Mr. Charles Nagel, the former Assistant Secretary for Commerce, has presented to President Coolidge a report on the best means of helping the American farmer, recommending, *inter alia*, the revision of the tariff and railway rates, in order to enable the farmer to purchase and transport his products more cheaply, but it is announced from the White House this morning that President Coolidge is firmly opposed to any reduction in the tariff posed to any reduction in the tariff considering that any change will militate against the farmer instead of being in his favour.—Reuter's American Service.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE RETURNING.

SOLOMON ISLANDS PROVE UNHEALTHY.

Canberra, Nov. 15.

Owing to the unhealthy conditions at Malaita, the naval force which was sent there following the Solomon Islanders getting out of hand and committing a number of murders, will be withdrawn as early as possible.

Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister, in the House of Representatives, said that a few volunteers and the native police would be sufficient to maintain order. The cruiser Adelaide will return to Sydney.—Reuter.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Who coined the word "agnostic"?
2. What was the "Victor of Wakefield"?
3. In which London church is there a collection of waxworks?
4. Where is "Domaday Book" kept?
5. Who wrote that Admiral Byng was shot "pour encourager les autres"?
6. Which city is called the "English Brugge"?
7. Who invented the spinning-mule?
8. Who were the first "navvies"?
9. Which English Sovereign was called "Farmer George"?
10. What is the origin of the word "skating"?
11. Who was Queen Victoria's favourite man-servant?

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Shanghai Golf Club championship.

INTERPORT CRICKET FESTIVAL.

CHANGES IN MALAYA
TEAM.

WEAK IN ATTACK.

One of two alterations in the composition of the side which is going up from Malaya to Hongkong have had to be made since it was announced a week ago that the party had been completed, says the *Singapore Free Press*. P. N. Knight, the Penang all-rounder, is unable to make the trip, and Lieut. Barker-Taylor, the leading batsman of the Regiment, and R. W. Blueloch, a new arrival in-country, have been brought in so that twelve players—N. J. A. Foster (Capt.), R. L. L. Braddell, Captain C. H. Congdon, Lieut. H. C. Barker-Taylor, N. H. P. Whitley, R. B. Lewis, Dr. J. M. A. Lowson, Captain F. R. Ford, H. G. L. Richards, A. R. Jordan, H. R. Rix and R. W. Blueloch—will go up.

It is fairly safe to say that, however strong the side may be from a batting point of view—and it is one that ought to make runs—it is about the weakest in attack that has ever been sent up from Malaya to take part in inter-port matches against Hongkong and Shanghai. While the inclusion of Barker-Taylor gives added strength to the batting, Knight's withdrawal renders the bowling even weaker than it was before. There is no need to stress the unrepresentative character of the side but it is of interest to point out that of the fourteen cricketers who played in the two matches between Malaya and the Australians in June only Foster, Braddell, Congdon and Taylor are going to Hongkong.

FRANCE AND THE OLYMPIAD.

SENATE VOTES EXPENSES.

Paris, Nov. 15.
The Senate has voted a 2,000,000 francs credit, enabling France to compete in the Olympiad.—*Reuter*.

A message dated July 20 stated: Following the Senate's adjournment of the question of the necessary vote of credit, the French Olympic Committee has decided that France will not participate at the Amsterdam games. Moreover, the Federation of Sports Associations has decided to prohibit its members in any way assisting in the organisation of the games.

M.C.C. SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

OPENING MATCH SPOILT BY RAIN.

Capetown, Nov. 15.
The opening match between the Marylebone Cricket Club team and the South Africans was ruined owing to rain.

There was less than five hours of play altogether.

The M. C. C. visitors scored 138, and the opposing eleven, representing the Western Province, knocked up 67 for the loss of six wickets. The match was drawn.—*Reuter*.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

DIOCESAN BOYS' v. ST. STEPHEN'S.

This match was played on the Diocesan Boys' School ground, Kowloon, on Tuesday and resulted in a win for the Diocesan by 4 goals to nil.

St. Stephen's appeared to be suffering from lack of practice and showed little team work; their attack could not penetrate the defence of the School, whose forwards also combined well.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, November 19th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on November 19th:—

DIVISION I.

Middlesbro. v Liverpool
Wednesday v Leicester
Birmingham v Arsenal

DIVISION II.

Bristol C. v Preston
Grimsby v Port Vale

Brighton v Plymouth
Torquay v Q. P. R.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Southport v Lincoln
Tranmere v Darlington

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Falkirk v Rangers
Queen's Park v Hibernians
Hearts v Aberdeen

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, copy the list of your forecasts. Compare this later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

No British unemployed miners for South African mines. That is the decision of the South African Mineworkers' Union in a controversy which is likely to create a serious split in the South African Labour party. Mr. W. H. Sampson, a prominent South African Labour leader, and a member of the Legislative Assembly, proposed "that a few hundred thousand of unemployed British miners be transferred to South Africa in preference to native labour." In South African mines the whites do only the supervisory work, whilst the manual labour is done by natives, but Mr. Sampson contended that British miners could do this work, and would receive better wages than they would even if it were in Britain.

SHANGHAI MOTORISTS WARNED.

NEW WAY OF EXTORTING
MONEY.

GRAFT ON LICENCES.

A new case of "graft" has recently been brought to the attention of foreigners in Shanghai who require Chinese licences for motor vehicles, says the *N. C. Daily News*. Renewal of these licences at the present time in Chinese registration bureaux brings to light the fact that two small notices had appeared in Chinese papers, one being, it is understood, the Shun Pao, calling the attention of whoever might have been fortunate enough to have seen them to the regulation that all renewals were to have been made between October 16 and 31. Failure to comply with this, the announcement of which reached so small a fraction of the general public, both Chinese and foreign, as to make it negligible, resulted in fines.

A fine of \$6 was imposed on private vehicles, \$2.40 on hire or public cars, 60 cents on rickshas and 40 cents on bicycles. As no single instance of an application for renewal is on record during the period set forth, the revenue which the Nationalist authorities expect to draw from the new tax or "fine" is understood to be large.

Other so-called innovations in the motor car department is a new regulation that all cars must pass an inspection before they can get a licence. According to a Chinese informant who had occasion to question the new regulation, it is being carried out in theory along the same lines as that employed by the Shanghai Municipal Council. Actually, however, two forms of inspection are gone through, one being a vigorous blowing of the horn of the car and the other a switching on and off of lights to the satisfaction of the officials who then issue a licence, provided all fines, etc., are paid. A big licence plate is also being issued instead of the small disc used hitherto, the latter being placed over the large plate.

Crowds of Chinese wishing to register appeared at the offices in Chinese territory but an insufficiency of the new forms to be filled in kept the line waiting for several hours, during which time many of the "fine-payers" left, including the Chinese who was attempting to renew his foreign master's licence.

BARONESS WHO LEFT CHARITY NOTHING.

GAVE MORE THAN WAS
HUMAN BEING'S DUTY.

"I do not leave anything at all for charitable purposes, as I did more in this direction before the World War than is the duty of a human being, and I am now of the opinion that charity begins at home."

This statement is contained in the will of Baroness (Henriette Annette Rose) Konigswarder, of Schloss Kwansee, Czechoslovakia, who died on February 3, aged 68, wife of Baron Wilhelm Karl Konigswarder, and eldest daughter of the late Maurice Goldschmidt, of Mount-street, London.

She left unsettled property in England of the gross value of £21,253.

Making provision for her dogs, she directed that they should be looked after to the end of their lives, in the care of good, trusty hands, and that their keep should be provided for.

THIEF SENTENCED.

OFTEN IN PRISON.

"You have done nothing but steal during the last four years," was the remark made by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning to a Chinese who was found guilty of the theft of eighteen gunny bags. The man's record showed that he had a number of minor convictions and had been a frequent inmate of the prison in recent years.

The gunny bags bore the mark of the Green Island Cement Company and the defendant pleaded that they were given him by a foreman of Sang Lee's, but the foreman who was in Court contradicted this story.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

The s.s. *Taiyang* left yesterday for Australia via Manila. Passengers on board included Mr. R. L. Mosier (of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), Capt. and Mrs. B. Mc K. Thomson, Mr. P. H. Cunningham, Colonel E. H. Pickwood, Rev. G. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mr. J. G. Lewis, Mr. J. Walsh and Mr. J. Boland.

1,000 BANDITS FOR TRIAL.

ARMED GUARD WITH FIXED
BAYONETS.

CHAINED IN A CAGE.

The first of five great Mafia trials against nearly a thousand leaders and principal members of that notorious Sicilian criminal society has just begun at Termini Imerese, near Palermo, where a special Court of Assizes will be in session for about a year.

The first batch of Mafia brought to trial number 152 prisoners. So many of them have been arrested that it is out of the question to try them simultaneously, and consequently the prisoners have been divided into groups, and they will be tried separately, according to the districts or areas in which they operated.

The first group is mainly composed of members of the lower peasant classes. Some are mere lads, while others are old men.

The group includes two priests, a doctor, reputed to be a millionaire, and seven women, one, 62 years old, is known as the "Queen of Gangi" from the name of the town where the Mafia had its headquarters, and her four daughters are also among the prisoners.

The prisoners are handcuffed and every four are chained together. A huge iron cage similar to that used for wild beasts in zoological gardens has been erected in the centre of the court for their accommodation on benches in rising tiers.

The cage is surrounded by carabinieri with fixed bayonets standing facing the prisoners, who are conveyed to and from the prison in motor-lorries escorted by cavalry.

A Famous Brigand.

Two notorious criminals, Gaetano Ferrarello, a famous brigand who evaded arrest since 1896, and who committed suicide shortly after his arrest last year, and another desperate character, Melchiorre Candino, joined forces in 1921 and formed, so to speak, a section of the Mafia at Gangi, a town of about 15,000 inhabitants, near Palermo.

Every member of the Mafia arrested on suspicion or committed for trial was immediately and invariably released or acquitted, as numerous witnesses were always held in readiness and specially trained to give false evidence.

The prisoners have to answer a general charge of conspiracy or criminal association, while many of them are charged with individual crimes, generally murder, arson, perjury and blackmail.

The Mafia was based on the so-called omerta, or that peculiar mistaken sense of honour with which every Sicilian is imbued, according to which to denounce a criminal is considered a disgraceful act of treason, more infamous than any ordinary crime and worse than murder.

Blackmail on a most extensive scale was regularly levied by the Mafia on every landowner.

Payments were either in kind or as regular salaries, amounting generally to £100 a year. Delay or refusal to pay, even passive resistance, was severely punished, when not with death, with damage to property.

If the five trials will lead to the conviction of the Mafia, the great scourge of Sicily will come to an end, since, in spite of omerta, sufficient evidence has been collected to render the trials possible.

HYENAS AT ZOO WHO WON'T LAUGH.

HOPES OF CONCILIATION
POLICY TOWARDS VISITORS.

Three hyenas which have just arrived at the Zoo, being all of the spotted species are, unlike striped hyenas, of the laughing kind, but the trio are virtually "on strike."

Though given each a meal of about 1½ lbs. of meat plus a 1½ lb. bone, as soon as they were unpacked, not one indulged in so much as a smile.

This is unfortunate, as "Punch," an old hyena who had become famous for his habit of laughing to order, died a few days ago and, having no "understudy," the dens are strangely silent.

The keeper, however, has high hopes of getting one of the new comers to respond for the amusement of visitors later on.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—*Talamba*, *Szechuen*, *Tango Maru*, *Karachi Maru*, *Suwa Maru*, *Hakusan Maru*, *Indus Maru*, *Fulda*, *Kanchow*, *Patrochias*, *Oakridge*, *Santhia*, *Cremor*, *Gemma*, *Calchas*, *Halong*, *Yuensang*, *Namsang*, *Empress of Asia*, *Taiyang*.

WONDER HOUSE OF SCIENCE.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY'S NEW
£200,000 LABORATORY.

HILL TOP TURRETS.

Crowning a hill, overlooking Bristol city, with distant views from its turrets of the Cotswolds, the Mendips and the Welsh hills, the new physics laboratory of Bristol University is a wonder-house of science.

It has cost £200,000; it has taken six years to build, and when it is opened on Friday week by Sir Ernest Rutherford, the scientist and president of the Royal Society, it will still be incomplete.

The laboratory represents the first stage in the materialisation of the vision of the late Mr. H. H. Wills, a pro-chancellor of the university, who bore the cost of the building. It is the first instalment of an extensive scheme of university buildings on the Boyne Fort estate.

Probably the laboratory is the biggest in the country. It is four storeys high, with a tower flanked by four turrets; its equipment is as complete as can be devised to meet modern needs.

But, as Professor A. M. Tyndall, the director, explained, the mistake has been avoided of installing special equipment of a costly character before men are available to use it, and equally that of creating a number of new posts before funds are available for the provision of the apparatus necessary for their investigations.

Prof. Tyndall had the opportunity of visiting laboratories on the Continent and in America before deciding upon equipment for the Wills Laboratory.

"I have been able," he said "to adopt and improve many ideas of great value."

Like a Shell.

To walk through the building is to marvel at the ingenuity and foresight of the designers.

The laboratory is constructed of reinforced concrete, to ensure rigidity, and also to avoid the necessity of confining experiments requiring stability to the ground floor. The building is designed almost like a shell, and rooms can be enlarged or rearranged by removing partitions without affecting the rigidity of the whole.

"Dead" spaces have been converted into dark rooms—one on each floor; power and light are everywhere easily accessible, lifts have been turned into store rooms.

The roof of the tower is flat, to provide for certain types of outdoor experimental work; one of the turrets contains a vertical shaft, which goes right to the bottom of the building, 90 feet below.

Nothing has been allowed to diminish the flexibility of the equipment essential to meet new conditions if required, and of equal importance is the fact that the furniture and fittings are such as will relieve the university from expenses of repairs for many years to come.

All the joinery is of teak, and the furniture either teak or pitchpine; metal fittings are of bronze—not a spot of paint will ever be required on the exterior. Compressed air, liquid air, and vacuum plants are provided, and the laboratory generates its own electric power for experimental purposes.

INTER-SERVICE CRICKET.

ARMY BATSMAN'S CENTURY.

The Army were in great form to-day, when they played a cricket match against the Royal Air Force, on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground. At fifth time they had knocked up 252 for six wickets, of which total, Lieut. E. Dynes contributed 112. The Army declared at fifth time, and the Air Force batted on the resumption.

The scores at fifth time were: Army.

Lt. E. Dynes, st. Mollory, b. Lake 112
Lt. J. B. A. Hankey, lbw. b. French 9
Capt. T. C. A. Bridgeland, c. Dale b. Brace 6
Lt. B. E. L. Burton, c. Robertson b. Dale 5
Capt. H. J. Graham, c. Shaw b. Brace 20
Capt. J. D. Erskine, c. Mollory b. French 14
Capt. E. W. Morris, st. not out 43
Capt. A. G. Dobble, st. not out 23
Extras 20
Total (for six wickets) 252

Capt. N. A. Thorp, Capt. E. T. Bingham, and Mr. Gunner Fegden did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
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French 16 2 43 2
Dale 4 17 1
Reels 3 11 1
Sinnock 7 32 1
Shaw 6 17 1
Lake 9 39 1
Robertson 4 25 1



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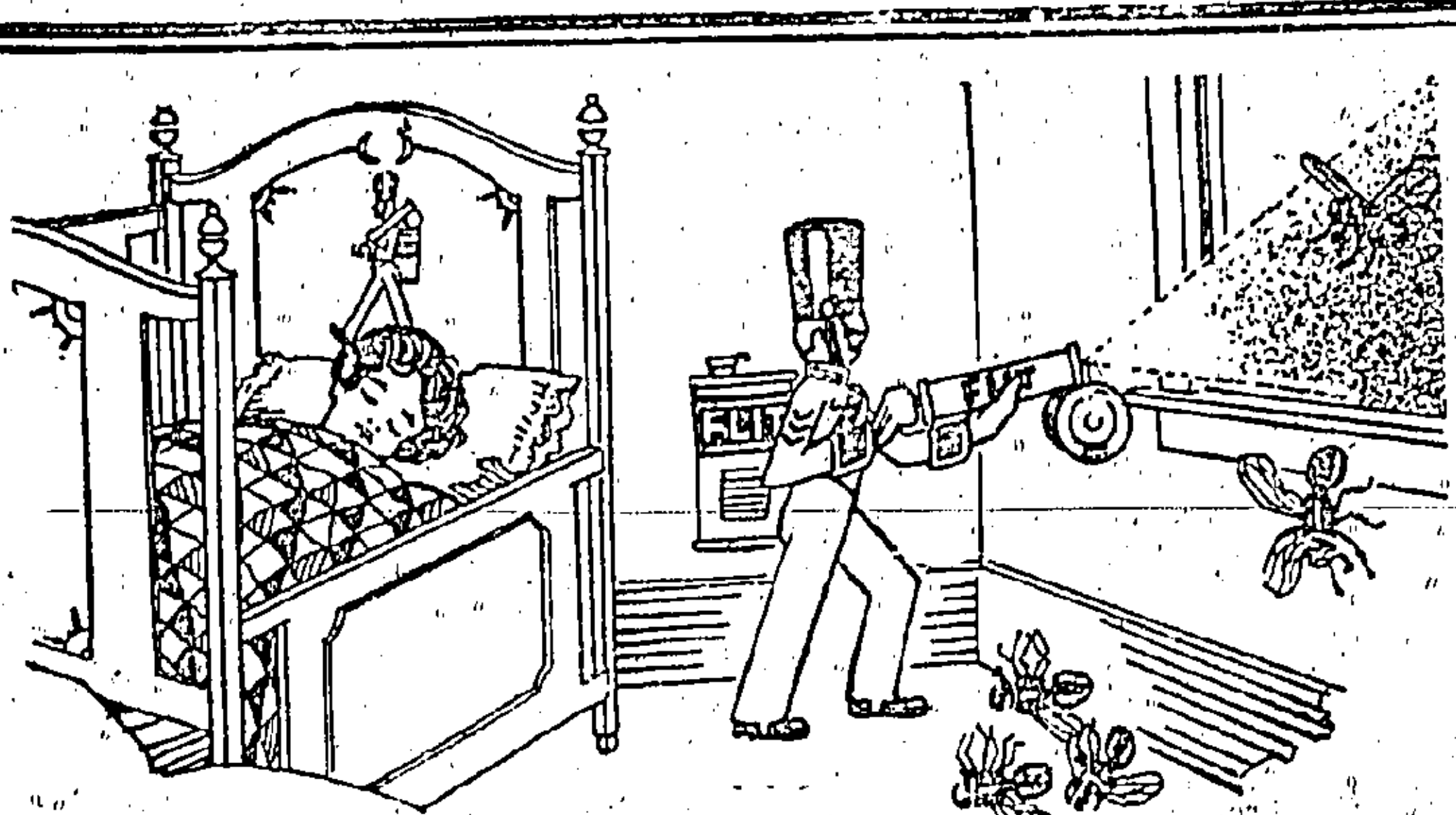
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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

ONE CAUSE OF NOSE BLEEDING.

FAULTY STRUCTURE.

Bleeding from the nose is a fairly frequent condition. It occurs not only as the result of a direct blow, but also from variety of causes associated with its structure.

Sometimes inflammation may attack the vessels, sometimes there may be varicose veins in the nose that will burst; sometimes a little ulceration develops a crust and violent blowing or picking at the crust results in haemorrhage.

Not infrequently bleeding from the nose is associated with such diseases as inflammation of the kidneys, hardening of the arteries or tumors in the nose. If the condition is due to some local cause such as an ulcer or a scratch, the bleeding will probably stop of itself after it is temporarily controlled.

Treatment.

The simplest measure to aid the stopping of the bleeding is the placing of the patient in a recumbent position, preferably with the face down. The application of ice water or of hot water to the nose or the temporary packing of the nose with sterilized clean gauze will help.

Any superstitious measure, such as ice applied to the back of the neck, a cold key hung down the back, the inhaling of smoke or similar procedures are likely to be merely a nuisance without giving any help.

Coagulation.

If a person bleeds continuously, an examination of the blood should be made to find out if coagulation is delayed.

An investigation may also be made to find out whether the person happens to belong to one of the families known as bleeders, in which coagulation of the blood occurs only with great difficulty.

There is no way to strengthen the blood vessels so as to prevent haemorrhages, but a competent nose and throat specialist will be able to look into the nose and to find out whether a cauterization of the vessel, or some similar procedure is necessary to control an anatomical defect.

HORSES FOR RUSSIA.

10,000 BOUGHT FROM CANADA.

Quebec, Canada, Nov. 10. Russia bought 10,000 draft horses to-day. The animals are to be shipped over a period of a year.

NEW THEATRE FOR MANILA.

BUSINESS MEN PLAN PROJECT.

Manila will have a new theatre in 1928 if plans formed by a number of its business men carry through. That such plans are under way was admitted by A. P. Drakeford, manager of the Vacuum Oil Company.

"The hearty approval that the public has been giving to the Community players of which I am president, has convinced us that a new theatre, with better accommodations and facilities is essential as a part of the city's progress," declared Mr. Drakeford.

Money has twice been raised by groups of business men for the purpose of erecting a new theatrical house. Both times the ventures had to be called off and the money returned because of troubles over land leasing.

A triangular-shaped lot, located near the Colgante bridge, was the object of interest on these occasions. This lot is leased by a Manila from the insular government. However, the city claims the land belongs to it and cannot be leased by the insular officials. On both occasions, building was halted when the authorities could not agree as to the ownership of the tract.

At present, eyes are directed toward the region of the Luneta for the location of the show place. Just where the theatre should be built is still a matter of conjecture.

"The raising of capital is comparatively easy," said Mr. Drakeford. "The whole trouble lies with the securing of ground on which to build. With co-operation from all civic and government authorities a new theatre can easily be constructed."

The theatre, it is proposed, will be one for the legitimate stage only. All concerts and programmes of merit will be given the necessary equipment with which to work. The building itself will probably be one of several stories, including office suites and store space.

"Manila has been missed out on a number of musical treats because the city lacks the proper theatrical facilities. Shanghai, Peking, and Hongkong have good show houses and all the noted stars are glad to return there. Manila surely needs one," concluded Mr. Drakeford.

STRIKE AGAINST THE WORKHOUSE.

DEMONSTRATION BY MEN ON OUT-RELIEF.

At Hull last month three hundred to four hundred men on strike from out-relief work marched to a relieving station to protest against being ordered to go into the workhouse if they will not do certain work. The men struck on Friday, because one man who applied for relief was ordered to enter the workhouse.

There were angry shouts and cries from the gathering, yesterday, when the officials arrived. A large crowd of the general public had gathered, expecting trouble. The men ascended the steps of the relieving station and made their way inside to hold a protest meeting.

Meanwhile the police were telephoned for, and a strong force was rushed to the scene, penetrating the buildings from the back to the front entrances, and taking up various positions, armed with batons. Additional police and detectives were kept in readiness a short distance away.

The leader of the movement, addressing the men, begged them to cease hostile demonstrations and avoid a clash with the police, and ultimately the men quietened down when the union officials agreed to bring the matter before the board.



Being hungry is a thin excuse for being fat.

CEYLON UNIVERSITY SITE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY CRITICISED.

"A WANT OF DISCIPLINE."

At the annual general meeting of the Ceylon Tamil League, held at the Tower Hall, Ceylon, the question of the proposed University of Ceylon came up for discussion. Sir P. Ramanathan, who presided, severely criticized the action of the Colonial Secretary in the Legislative Council.

Sir Ramanathan said that he did not think that they had much advanced beyond the circumstances of the days when at the Bonjean Hall a resolution was adopted with great acclamation favouring the Buller's Road site. In fact, from what had happened at the Legislative Council meeting held some two or three days ago, they would find that a great attempt had been made by a section of the Legislative Council to put that question back, and the leader of the opposition was no other than the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Fletcher. They knew the value of opposition, and they knew how to meet this opposition.

Although no less a personage than the Colonial Secretary of Ceylon had tried to champion the cause of a few persons who were trying to do all they could to revoke the resolution passed by the Legislative Council both before the recent reforms and after the recent reforms and decreed the action of the Governor and the action of the Secretary of State, he had no doubt that with judicious action on their part they would succeed in their aim. (Hear, hear). The Colonial Secretary, moving at the last moment against his (the speaker's) motion, said that he would ask all the members assembled on that day to vote against the motion. That was an unheard of procedure, a procedure, the like of which he had not known during all the time he was a public man in Ceylon. He would characterize that procedure as exceedingly injudicious, especially as their present Governor had stated his opinion in public.

But, notwithstanding the suggestion of the Governor, and the expression of his own wishes, the Colonial Secretary rose up and said: "No; whatever Governor Manning, and, earlier still, Governor Chalmers has done, whatever the past Legislative Council has done, and the present Legislative Council has done, and whatever the Secretary of State has done in the past towards the selection of the site, I, as Colonial Secretary, have a right to ask my colleagues to vote against the motion."

An Unruly Act.

That was a remarkable manifestation of a want of discipline on the part of the Colonial Secretary and an awfully bad example to the whole of Ceylon. They knew how to meet the occasion and he was obliged to mention it there, because, in the report of the proceedings read at the meeting of the Ceylon Tamil League that day, mention was made that the Ceylon Tamil League had decided that the University should be established and they were of opinion that the site chosen in Buller's Road should be the site that should be adorned by the noble University. It was his bounden duty to inform them that their hopes and their wishes for the welfare and the use of the University for the young men and the young women of Ceylon were threatened with being shattered by the unruly act of the Colonial Secretary.

He had spoken about this in the Council, but as Chairman of their meeting, he thought it his duty to inform them what the situation was in regard to that great question. He always thought, and he was still of the same opinion, that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Fletcher, was a very able man, but, in that matter, he had grasped an idea—and he grasped it almost in the first month of his arrival in Ceylon—and unfortunately had not been able to let go a rotten idea. That was their misfortune. But what were they to do? They could only say: Well, if that is so, it reveals the psychological condition of the present Colonial Secretary. If he got hold of a subject, it was difficult for him to give up that subject. The Secretary of State, the Governors, and the Legislative Council had all sanctioned the proposal, and yet the vision of the Colonial Secretary was so narrow, confused, and obscured, that he refused to recognise this.

Sir Ramanathan, in conclusion, said they must all bide their time.

A NEW CONCLAVE PALACE.

BETTER ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAPAL ELECTIONS.

Rome: Interest is aroused by a semi-official announcement that Pope Pius XI. intends to build a palace exclusively for the holding of Conclaves in lieu of the rambling and badly heated apartments in the Vatican. The site chosen is in the Vatican gardens, where giant oak trees and countless fountains give an atmosphere of idyllic peace.

It should be remembered that a Conclave, held for the purpose of electing a new Pope, necessitates strict isolation from the outer world, the cardinals being held literally under lock and key by the hereditary Marshal of the Conclave, Prince Cigali. The arrangements, being difficult, hurried, and complicated, entail great expense, and, although the new building will cost fifty million lire, it is regarded as an economy. Moreover, the small Papal army will be able to guard the Sacred College of Cardinals during their momentous choice with greater ease than hitherto in their scattered apartments in the Vatican.

In view of the very remote possibility of the full number of venerable cardinals being able to attend the Conclave seventy apartments are to be prepared, but the Vatican leaves nothing to chance. A large chapel is to be reserved for prayers and ceremonies in common, and two stately dining-rooms are being planned where sociable cardinals can have their meals together instead of in their private apartments, as was formerly the custom. A picture gallery, draped with red damask and containing many masterpieces of religious subjects is being arranged.

GHOST PHOTOGRAPH.

EXPLANATION OF A BELGRADE SCARE.

Belgrade: Local spiritists have enjoyed a ten day's sensation, and would be enjoying it still if a reporter had not revealed the truth. On the photograph of a youth named Joza Stribu, on his tombstone in the Zemljak cemetery (over the river from Belgrade) the tortured face of his dead brother, whom he had accidentally killed, some time before his own death, had shown itself. It is the custom in these parts to affix, under a glass, a photograph of the buried person to his tombstone. The face of the brother showed the head split down to the eye.

The affairs became the talk of the town, when other copies of Joza's photograph, substituted for the miracle-showing picture, underwent exactly the same transformation; which apparently suggested the brother's protest against the idea that he had been accidentally killed. The explanation, however, has proved to be quite simple.

The photograph for the tombstone had been taken from a family group. The head of the other son, standing in front of Joza, had been blocked out; but the process of enamelling the photograph to stand exposure to the weather was such that the black blocking-out material tended to deteriorate, and, naturally, to show the face below it. On the white ground of the "V" of Joza's coat, however, the white blocking-out material proved more permanent, and this white field it was, penetrating into the reappearing head, produced the impression of a head split in two, while the agonised look came from the uneven deterioration of the other material.

COMMUNIST NUMBERS.

DECREASE OF A THIRD IN A YEAR.

In a small hall at Manchester last month, the Communist Party of Great Britain held its ninth annual conference. The delegates were mostly very young men, but there were a few women. The representative total membership of 7,377, a reduction of 3,500 compared with last year. There was an almost microscopic examination of credentials before anybody was admitted to the hall.

The central committee reported that the cause of the decline in membership, which had mainly occurred in mining areas, was victimisation, evictions, police intimidation, unemployment, and abject poverty.

Mr. Horner, the Chairman, said undoubtedly a new mining crisis was at hand, and when it broke out the Communist Party would mobilise its whole support behind the miners. Mr. Horner concluded with an attack on the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool, and the "traitors and phrasemongers" of the Labour and Socialist bureaucracy.

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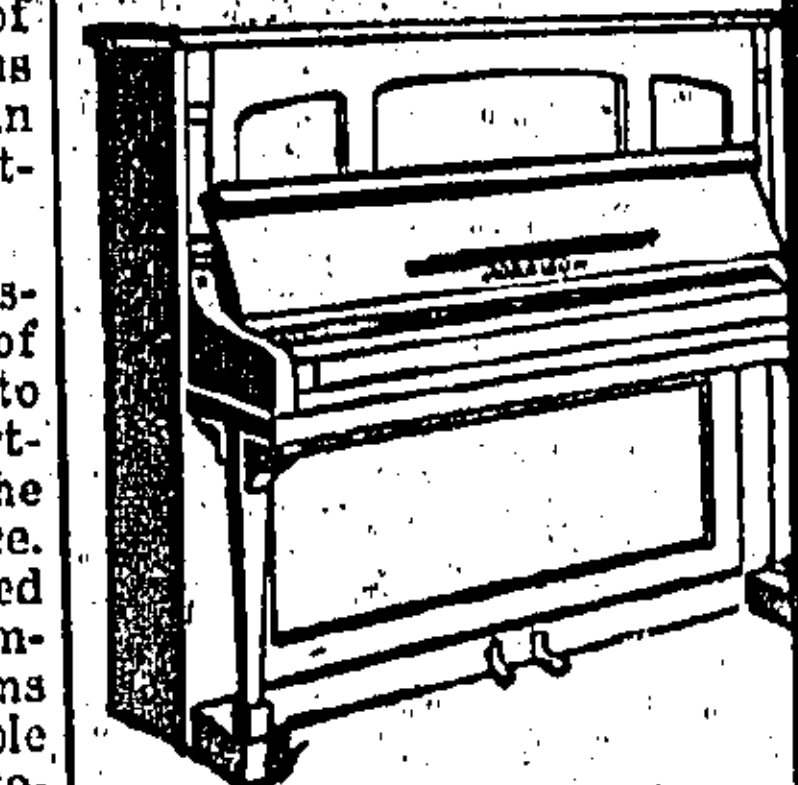
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IT'S QUALITY THAT COUNTS.

CLAIM UNDER A GUARANTEE.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A WATCHMAN.

Allegations against the honesty of an Indian watchman named Mohammad Ali were made in the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, when a claim in respect of a guarantee was heard.

The plaintiffs were Messrs. Joseph and Company, 20 Bowring Street, Yaumatei, and they sued an Indian watchman, named on the writ as Shah Mohammad, for \$100 in respect of a guarantee covering the good conduct of Mohammad Ali.

The plaintiffs alleged that Mohammad Ali was engaged by them through Shah Mohammad, who signed a guarantee, but Mohammad Ali had stolen \$80 and decamped.

The signing of the guarantee by the defendant was denied. Mr. J. M. Hall was for the plaintiffs and Mr. M. J. D'Almada Remedios defended.

In reply to Mr. Hall, the plaintiff's representative said that the firm had suffered a loss as a result of the employment of Mohammad Ali because he had stolen \$80.

Mr. Hall: How?—Witness: Mohammad Ali prised open a box and stole \$80.

How do you know?—Because when the money was stolen he was the only person watching the office.

What day was it?—August 10, last.

At what time was it?—Between 9.30 and 9.45 a.m.

How was it that he was left in charge of the office?—Because the foks went together for their morning meal, leaving him in charge.

Mr. Hall remarked that that was a part of the terms, that Mohammad Ali should be in the office from nine to ten o'clock in the morning.

In reply to further questions, witness said that the foks returned to the office some time between 9.45 and ten o'clock. When they returned he (witness) was not there, but when he did return to the office about ten o'clock he was told of the matter by the foks. They told him that no-one was in the office except the watchman.

Money Gone.

The drawer which was alleged to have been prised open was produced in court. Witness said that the accountant placed the money in the drawer. When he (witness) opened the drawer it was empty.

When the foks returned to the office on the morning of the alleged theft, Mohammad Ali was not there and he had not returned to duty since. Plaintiff saw Shah Mohammad and told him about the matter, after which they went to the police station together to make a report. Up to the present, Mohammad Ali had not been arrested, and plaintiffs had not applied for a warrant for his arrest.

They had also lost various other articles, including shoes and watches, but they were limiting their claim to the allegedly stolen \$80.

Mr. Remedios:—I put it to you that neither the defendant nor Mohammad Ali had not been ment at all?—The reason that the defendant is not Shah Mohammad but Shah Nawaz Mohammad?—I know him by the name he has given me.

He could not have signed that name, because all he can do is to sign his own name and he only learnt to do that in Hongkong?—I don't know what he has written on this paper.

Judgment for Plaintiffs.

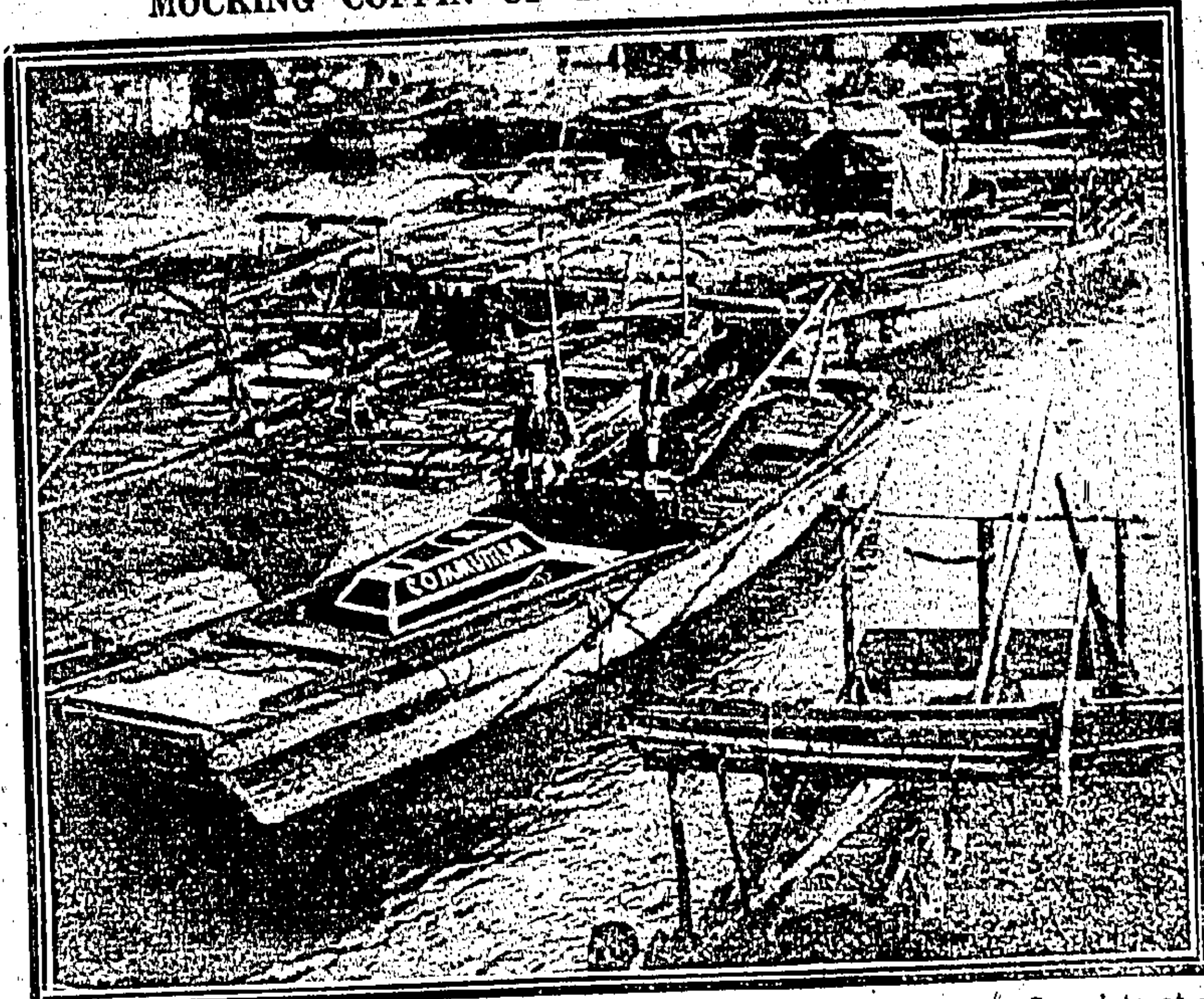
In giving evidence, the defendant denied all knowledge of the matter, saying that he had never seen the plaintiff's representative before, and did not know Mohammad Ali.

His Lordship said he had decided to believe the story told by the plaintiffs. He accordingly gave judgment for the plaintiffs, with costs.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Kwong Sze, the master of a cargo junk, was charged with mooring his craft in the Victoria Cable Reserve. He pleaded guilty, while stating that he was a stranger to the port, and was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment. The fine was paid by the junk owners.

General Sir John Asser and Lady Asser arrived in the Colony on the President Lincoln. General Asser has been Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Bermuda since 1922. He served with distinction in the Egyptian Army, taking part in the Nile expedition and commanding the expedition to Southern Kordofan in 1910. He gained many distinctions in the Great War. General Asser was for some years a member of the Sudan Government Council.

MOCKING COFFIN OF THE "WHITE" RUSSIANS.



In connexion with the recent attack by "White" Russians on the Soviet Consulate at Shanghai, our picture shows the black coffin marked "Communism" which was exhibited on a flatboat on Soochow Creek, at the Garden Bridge. In the rear of the coffin two figures are seen, representing a Russian convict of 1917 and the same man as a "Red" diplomat in 1927.

INDIAN PROBLEM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of this commission might suitably and without danger to the public interest be accelerated. He believed all three parties in the House were agreed that the moment had arrived when we might usefully approach the greatest constitutional problem which had faced statesmen of this country for many generations.

Others Approve.

Lord Olivier, the former Labour Secretary for India, said the Labour Party fully supported the Bill, while reserving themselves in regard to the procedure and constitution of the commission.

Lord Reading, former Viceroy of India, said the Liberal party approved the Bill. The Government had acted wisely, and had really shown a desire to consult the views of Indian politicians, and generally to give effect to the views of India in regard to the earlier date for the statutory period.

It was solely in the public interest of India that the Government had determined to curtail the time.

When Indians fully understood the views of the Government, and the opportunities that would be given them to make their case heard, there would be much less tendency to take an adverse view of the appointment of the commission.

The Bill was read a second time.

—British Wireless.

AN OMINOUS LULL AT HANKOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Immediately following his arrival, General Chiang made a call on the Soong family on Seymour Road, where he had a long talk with Mr. Soong and Miss Meiling Soong.

Interviewed by local Japanese pressmen, General Chiang stated that he was greatly impressed with the progress made by Japan in the last ten years. No political significance attends his return to China this time, it is said.

The only outward change in the look of the General, as noticed by those who saw him, is the little mustache, newly-grown. He is also said to be in a better spirits than a month ago when he left Shanghai.

Gossip in Chinese circles is to the effect that the marriage between the General and Miss Meiling Soong will take place this month.

Tang Seng-chi's Movements.

Shanghai, Nov. 15. It is understood that Tang Seng-chi arrived here last night aboard the Nanyang Maru from Hankow. It is reported that he left for Japan aboard the Shanghai Maru incognito. This, however, has not been confirmed.—Reuter.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 20 departures, of which three and eight respectively were British, leaving 49 vessels in harbour, but there was a slump in inward freights, although through cargoes were high, with four registers above the 5,000 tons mark.

FIGHT WITH GIANT GORILLA.

COLONEL FIRES AT THREE YARDS RANGE.

MOUNTED CHASE.

A fight at three yards range with a gorilla nearly six feet high was one of the adventures of Lieut.-Col. H. F. Fenn, D.S.O., who headed a hunting expedition into the forests of the Belgian Congo.

The object of the expedition was to obtain a specimen of a giant gorilla for the British Museum.

With pygmies for guides, Col. Fenn marched for two days into the hill country. Then the presence of gorilla was reported, and he set out with a camera, hoping to get a photograph.

After following a path for a few minutes a gorilla barked. It was close at hand, but the forest was so dense that it was impossible to see more than a few yards ahead.

Gorilla's Scream. The pygmies began to cut through the thicket, when suddenly a fiercer bark was heard, and Col. Fenn changed his camera for a rifle.

Cautiously he entered a gorilla tunnel, which is a run some three to four feet high.

He had not gone many yards when he heard a scream like that of a maniac, and a huge gorilla rushed straight down the tunnel at him, its mouth open and its left arm outstretched.

Colonel Fenn fired from the hip at three yards range, and the gorilla, wounded, turned and bolted.

Next day the animal was discovered at an altitude of 9,000 feet, with a number of female gorillas and their young.

The females ran away, but the male stood up and glared defiance. Colonel Fenn shot him in the chest, but not fatally, and the gorilla got away.

He was tracked for two hours, then turned on his pursuers. He was shot dead and proved to be 5 ft. 8 in. high, with a chest measurement of 62 inches and a weight of 18 inches (4½ inches bigger than Dempsey's).

Missionaries report that frequently natives have been killed by gorillas.

MOTOR CASE.

DRIVER GETS OFF.

The driver of car No. 430 was charged by Sergeant Cunningham before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon for recklessly driving along Queen's Road Central, opposite the Queen's Theatre, in the early morning of the 2nd inst., and also for failing to stop when called upon to do so.

The Sergeant testified that the car was zig-zagging along the road at 20 miles per hour, that the car failed to stop when he held out his arm and that it was necessary for him to blow his whistle before the car stopped.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ acted for the defendant, who said he simply averted to avoid a collision, and that he did not see the signal.

The defendant was discharged.

Fresh monsoon is still to be expected over the China Sea and the weather locally will remain fine, according to the Royal Observatory's forecast, which reads:—North-east winds, moderate, fine.

OPIUM CASE TO BE RE-HEARD.

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His Worship: Mr. Hall, have you spoken to the defendants yet?

Mr. Hall: No.

His Worship: I suggest that their pleas be taken again.

The charges were then put to each of the defendants, when the following replies were received:

First defendant: The opium was in the harbour and not in the boat.

Second defendant: The opium was not in the boat. It was at the bottom of the sea. I am only a foki.

Third defendant: I am first defendant's foki. I work for him.

Mr. Hall: I take it then that they have entered pleas of not guilty.

His Worship: The first defendant, does your plea mean that the opium was never in your boat at all?

First defendant: No. It was not in my boat at all.

His Worship to Mr. Sayer: What view do you take of the answers of the second and third defendants?

Matter of Knowledge.

Mr. Sayer: I, quite distinctly, take the view that these pleas should decide your Worship not to give a re-hearing. I cannot perceive a man who knows nothing about the opium being at the bottom of the harbour, saying that.

His Worship: Unless they saw the opium fished up. Was that the case?

Mr. Sayer: Certainly.

Later Mr. Sayer said that he saw no reason whatever to doubt the defendants' original pleas. These later pleas were their second thoughts. Mr. Sayer definitely opposed a re-hearing.

Mr. Hall: I must protest against the remarks made by Mr. Sayer just now. He was not here at the original hearing. Your Worship gave them an opportunity to re-plead.

His Worship: Their original pleas, I am sure, were pleas of guilty. Prisoners usually say nay and then qualify that plea by a statement.

Mr. Hall: Maybe they had no chance to make a statement. It depends how the charge was read to them.

His Worship: I have heard several pleas of nay and have no doubt they were pleas of guilty.

Mr. Hall: I most respectfully beg to differ.

His Worship: I think the case had better be re-heard.

The defendants were accordingly remanded until next Thursday, when the case will be re-heard.

FETE DONATIONS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge the following donations to the funds of the Al Fresco Fete on December 4th:

Lieut.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. \$30
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Messrs. Grace & Co., \$20 and postcards for Picture Gallery; and Messrs. Sam Shing Wo, one case preserved ginger.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Amoy on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

FASCISTI & REDS.

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pletely overlooked by the Red officials, unless it be that the latter really desired an incident and laid a trap for the Whites, as suggested in certain quarters, for reasons best known to themselves. No responsible person here for one moment is disposed to condone the assault on the Consulate, but in order to enable the man-in-the-street to get a clearer grasp of the situation, it is necessary to reconstruct the state of mind that caused the Whites indiscriminately to smash windows and finally to try to enter the building, which, in point of fact, they actually did, presumably with the object of coming to grips at closer range with the officials.

It is easy to understand the pent-up feelings of those hungry, shivering refugees Whites as their memories surged back to those happier days, under happier skies, when Bolshevism had not descended like a noxious blight on the land and reflected upon the unfortunate position into which the Red accession to power had plunged them. Truly, the sight of that Red flag, defiantly flung in the faces of these unhappy people, was as a red rag to a bull. The effect on them was precisely the same, and they acted no differently from the enraged animal that rushes at his tormentor in a bull-baiting arena. The miserable wretches could not help contrasting their pitiable plight with that of the sleek officials dining and their guests in the Consulate, warm, well-housed and fed to repletion, as against the shivering, hungry, ill-clothed throng outside. In such an emotional atmosphere it would be strange, indeed, not to see restraint cast to the four winds.

Attempt to Embroider Fascist.

The writer of these notes has been able to secure exclusive information relative to another phase arising out of the incident so far undisclosed to the Shanghai public.

In a letter to the local press, Captain A. E. N. Howard, who for some years has been actively identified with the anti-Bolshevik movement in Shanghai, intimates that he has returned his card of membership of the Shanghai Fascist and sent in his resignation, as he says he joined the movement because he was under the impression that the organization was to be actively anti-Bolshevik.

No other explanation of his sudden resignation was vouchsafed by Captain Howard, his somewhat cryptic statement leaving the public not a little mystified.

The writer has been able to solve the mystery by going for first-hand information direct to Mr. H. P. King, the principal promoter of the Fascist idea, and from this gentleman he was able to learn the interesting fact that a determined attempt was made, on the eve of the White outbreak, to get the Shanghai Fascist to lend the weight of their support, both moral and material, to the attack on the Russian Consulate. In other words, to put it in plain terms, the Russian Whites, through their spokesmen, in the persons of Captain Howard and the Rev. E. E. Strother, of the Christian Endeavour Union, who, like the former, an avowed foe of the Bolsheviks, wanted the members of the Shanghai Fascist to march shoulder to shoulder with the Russian Whites in the attack on the Consulate. This the Fascist's chief properly declined to do, on the ground that the Shanghai Fascist in no sense was a political body but an organization whose sole aim was to defend life and property in Shanghai and to assist in maintaining law and order in the Settlement, not to help in creating turmoil and disorder, which they were pledged to combat.

Mr. King's refusal to participate in the White adventure incurred the displeasure of the Captain, consequently he has left the Fascist in high dudgeon.

The Pony Problem.

To turn to a lighter theme, the scribe has to chronicle the latest mination of one of the most successful Autumn Race Meetings in the sporting annals of Shanghai. The weather conditions could not have been more ideal, the racing has been of a high order and the betting booths have been better patronised than ever before, the members of the Shanghai Defence Force indulging in a mild flutter with as equal zest as China's "old hands," notwithstanding the vagaries of the betting system in the Far East, which doubtless will form the subject-matter of letters to the Homeland.

The pony problem is no less perplexing than the betting question. Many experiments have been made privately by the Stewards of the Race Club with the starting of the race, but these have failed to be fruitful of any good results, for the China pony, with the temperament of a prime donna, simply will not have a start, and turf votaries, therefore, are condemned to put up with the mounts at the starting point and witness some atrocious starts, to the despair both of the public and the official starter.

Next to the pony problem is that of the novice jockey, who is apt to prove a peril both to himself

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and to the rest of the field. This year's Meeting has been marred by a particularly distressing incident, resulting in the loss of that game little pony Bezieque, one of the speediest animals on the local course. This mount crossed his legs when turning for the straight, came down himself and brought down two other mounts. Happily none of the jockeys sustained damage, but the ill-fated pony himself broke his off foreleg high up and had to be put out of pain by the humane killer.

There was a veritable chapter of lesser accidents, in one of which Mr. Moller was put out of commission with a broken collarbone. In most of these cases, the mishaps are due less to faulty riding on the part of these particular jockeys than to bumping and boring by novices, who require more hard training before venturing on to the course.

That Champions Ticket.

These notes would not be complete without passing reference to Champions' Sweepstake legends which float around at the conclusion of every big Meeting. One of the novice jockey, who is apt to prove a peril both to himself

the Chinese tailor, who, one going to collect an account from a Portuguese client, was offered a Champions ticket, from among ten others, as a set-off against the account. This offer he was most reluctant to accept, but, on being pressed, selected a ticket from among the ten which eventually happened to be the winning ticket. History records that the gentleman in question went on a hunger strike for three days although the tailor magnanimously made him a gift of some three thousand dollars from sheer goodness of heart.

This year the story is that the precious slip of paper numbered 17206 was bought originally by a British member of Wayfoong, who reports that he sold it to a Portuguese gentleman in the same office, who, in turn, says he turned it over to a Chinese shroff of the Bank, who disposed of it to a syndicate of Chinese—and that's as far as the writer got in endeavouring to trace the lucky ticket. A Champions' race is not complete without its legends.

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While congregations will miss various hymns familiar to them in previous hymnaries, there will be found many new numbers, and it is claimed for the Revised Hymnary that it has purged the Presbyterian hymns of much that was merely sentimental nonsense and lacking both in poetry and dignity. While some tunes have been deleted, and new ones added, features of this side of the Hymnary are the inclusion of some fine old Scottish religious melodies and the lowering of the pitch of tunes generally so as to enable the majority of people the better to join in the singing.

DOCTOR'S DYING NOTES.

SYMPTOMS JOTTED DURING AGONY.

The extraordinary courage of a Paris hospital doctor, M. Adrien Harburger, who died of tetanus contracted by an accidental cut on his thumb during an operation, is recorded.

Dr. Harburger was well aware of the terrible danger he was exposed to and when the operation had been completed successfully he asked for five tubes of anti-tetanus serum, and then left word at the hospital that he would not be on the roster for duty for several days.

At home he administered the serum to himself and, lying down in bed with notebooks beside him, carefully indicated the progress of the malady and the effects of the serum. When his fellow surgeons and physicians called on him he was suffering terrible agony, but still insisted every time he had a minute's respite in jotting down the symptoms he was feeling and the reaction caused by the various drugs administered.

He died after 48 hours' illness and the Minister of Labour has awarded him posthumously a gold medal for his heroic work.

THE GROWTH OF VENICE.

EXTENSIONS AND NEW FACILITIES.

Venice.—At present Venice is connected with Mestre on the mainland solely by the railway bridge across the lagoon, or by steamer. The Mestre-Venice railway, on a double track, is the busiest in Italy; 180 trains pass over its bridge every twenty-four hours, 117 being passenger trains; and traffic is increasing to such an extent that either a subway under the lagoon or a widening of the bridge is necessary.

Signor Mussolini pointed out to Count Orsi, the Podesta, that no subway could prove a financial success unless a town had one million inhabitants, whereas Venice can only boast a quarter of a million; furthermore, that tourists could not be expected to patronise subways in a place like Venice.

The existing railway bridge over the lagoon will be widened, admitting space for a tramcar line and tracks for cyclists and pedestrians. Indeed, the work is already in progress towards Marghera, to the south, which is only about three miles from Venice, and is fortunately absorbing industrial activities, and saving the sea-city from invasion. Once a malarial swamp, Marghera is now a busy town destined to grow when the new port is opened, and together with Mestre, Favaro, Chirignano and part of Mira, forms the new Venice on "terra firma," which has a much larger area than is occupied by the parent city, but a smaller population, only some 50,000 inhabitants.

An extension of the Lido in the direction of Cavalline, towards Cava Zucchierina and Punta del Sabbioni, is also being contemplated, and the news has raised the value of land, the chief buyers being hotel companies. De Mussel used to call the seashore of Cavalline "l'Aprica-Lido," and Byron was fond of riding there from Venice. During the war the emplacement for the Italian batteries was at Cavalline, the last bulwark against the enemy for Venice. At present its chief claim to celebrity is owed to its magnificent peaches and luscious grapes.

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A Somerset House expert in a case at Manchester in which six men were charged with forging, manufacturing and uttering false £1 notes, stated that on the spurious notes the flag was flying on the tower of the Houses of Parliament. In the genuine notes there is no flag. Also the word "Majesty's" was printed "Majesty's." The men were sent for trial.

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A GREAT PILGRIMAGE.

Next summer a great pilgrimage of British war veterans to France will be organised by the British Legion. This decision was taken at a committee meeting held in London, at which Earl Haig, President of the Legion, was present.

Captain W. G. Willcox, one of the organising secretaries, said after the meeting:

Our aim will be to gather a body of about 5,000 representatives of all the British fighting forces; Royal Navy and Royal Air Force as well as Army. The men admitted to take part in the pilgrimage will all be those who saw active service overseas, and as far as possible in France. Representative contingents from the Empire will also be invited.

The scheme exists so far only in broad outline, but Earl Haig has authorised the statement that he personally favours the plan of a visit by the 5,000 veterans to some of the principal battlefields and war cemeteries.

The pilgrimage would conclude with a solemn memorial service at the Menin Gate, after which Lord Haig, as their old Commander-in-Chief, would inspect the veterans in a march-past.

The date of this pilgrimage will probably be August 16 next year, the fourteenth anniversary of the landing of the first contingent of the British Expeditionary Force in France.

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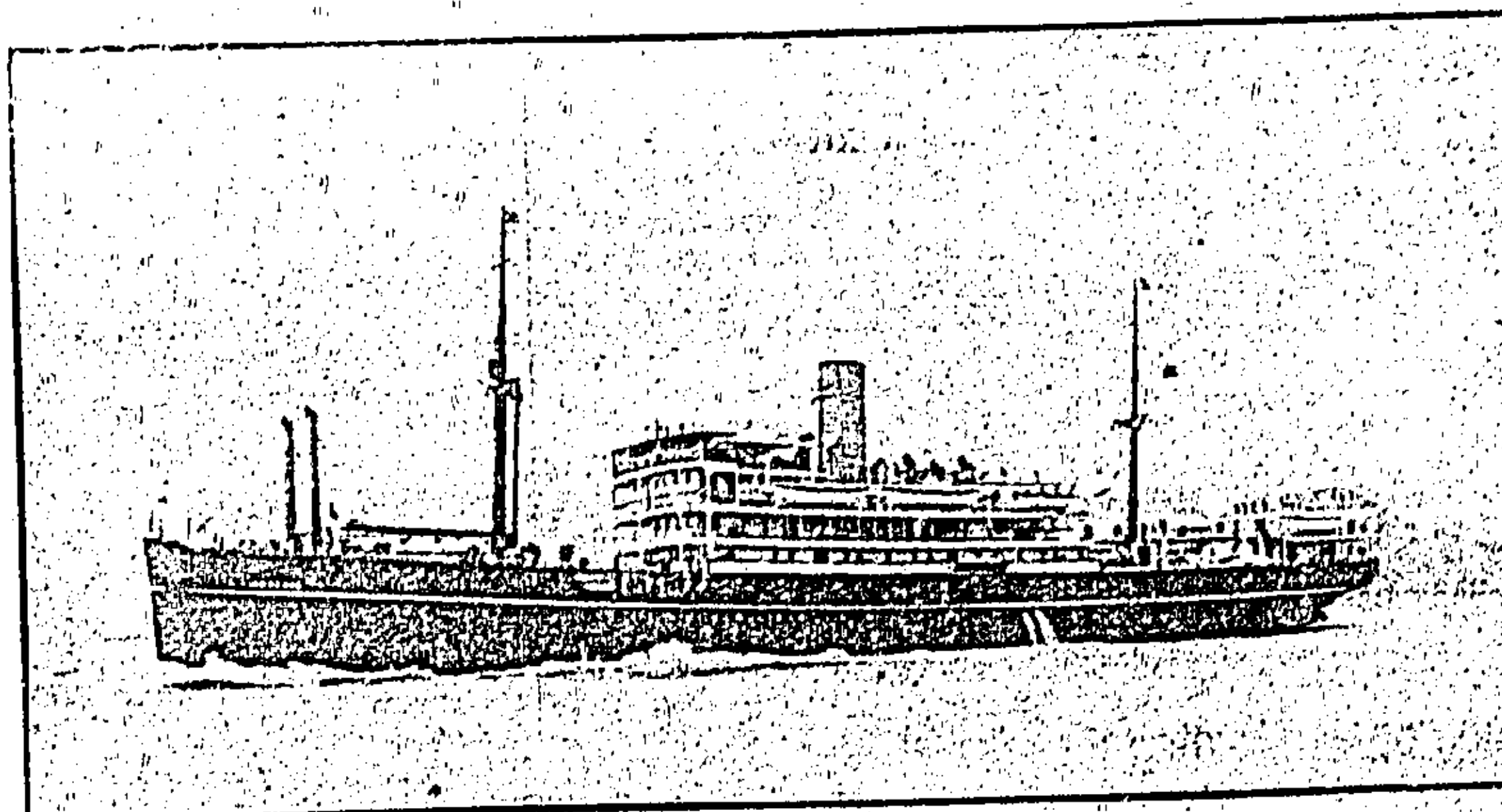
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MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
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MOREA	10,953	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAPURA	6,000	3 Jan. 1928.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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GENERAL LI PASSES THROUGH.

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ished or suspended the Special Kuomintang Committee, (which Wang was bitterly opposed to) and agreed to have a preliminary session of the Conference in Shanghai or Canton before proceeding with the regular session.

"General Li and myself have been elected by the Canton Commissioners to arrange this matter with the Nanking leaders and Kuomintang leaders from elsewhere, and to pave the way to the Conference," Mr. Wang declared.

To Meet Marshal Chiang.

"You are going to attend the preliminary session of the Conference then?" our representative asked, and Mr. Wang replied: "Yes, but we are going up to Shanghai to have a meeting with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. You know that recently Marshal Chiang had misunderstandings cleared up with me. I think you know also that Mr. Soong came down to Canton recently for this, and I think you have also read the telegrams that have been exchanged between me and Marshal Chiang. Well, between me and Chiang, we have forgiven each other and had our misunderstandings cleared up. Therefore I think I, and General Li, will have a very satisfactory meeting with him."

"Is your meeting with Marshal Chiang and your conference with the Nanking commissioners going to be one thing, or two different things, to be carried out merely in the same trip?" asked our representative.

Mr. Wang replied "You can call this one thing, for you see, I and General Li, are going up with an aim to patch up differences in our party, and to bring all our Central Commissioners to a Conference, which will include Marshal Chiang and the Nanking Commissioners." This concluded the interview.

Mr. Wang and General Li, accompanied by Mr. Chan Yui-tao and several secretaries, left by the Empress of Asia for Shanghai at six o'clock.

Points to be Cleared Up

In connexion with the above trip a Canton message says that "this visit is necessary in order to clear up some points which are obstructing a general reconciliation."

In a communication to Reuter a Canton official states: "It is of the greatest importance to know if the joint meeting of the Central Executive Committee and the Commission of Supervision can be held anywhere, as Mr. Wang Ching-wei as well as General Li Chai-sum do not insist that such meeting be held in Canton."

Mr. Wang and General Li will return to Canton after the meeting at Shanghai, which is regarded as a sort of preliminary conference. Reuter is further informed that, regarding the relations with the Foreign Powers, both these officials favour peaceful and friendly intercourse.

PAN-MALAYAN UNION ADVOCATED.

ADVANCED THINKERS DISCUSS PROPOSAL.

Manila, Nov. 1.
Though most Filipinos pay little or no attention to affairs outside the islands, a few advanced thinkers are busily agitating for a Pan-Malay union, to include not only the Philippines but Java, Borneo, the Federated Malay States, and even Siam.

Francisco Verona, editor of a Manila paper, recently spoke on the subject as follows:

"Pan-Malayism is not a dream but a reality. We must not be contented with these small isles of ours and with the small population of our country. We must work for the re-establishment of the defunct Malay Empire if we want to have our race recognized."

The speaker went on to show that the Malay language was fundamentally the same in all its dialects, and said that Tian Malakka, a Javanese agitator recently deported from Manila, had no difficulty in making himself understood while here.

The meeting at which he was speaking endorsed the Pan-Malay empire in principle, and passed a resolution favouring English as the future language of the Philippines.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. T. H. Hazley. 2. Dostoevsky. 3. Westminster Abbey. 4. Ricordi. 5. London. 6. Voltaire. 7. Wells. 8. Somerset. 9. Samuel Clemens. 10. The "Inland Navigator" who built the "canals" in the eighteenth century. 11. George III. 12. Thomas Hobbes. 13. Easterling-N. European merchants who paid their debts in pure coin. 14. John Brown.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/- 5/16.
Lighting-up 5.40 p.m.

APPEARING IN "BULLDOG DRUMMOND."



Mrs. N. Thorp, who is appearing as Phyllis Benton in the forthcoming production of "Bulldog Drummond" by the Hongkong A. D. C.

NAUTICAL SCHOOL ROMANCE.

CAPTAIN'S PLANS MADE IN PRISON CAMP.

Founded in Watling-street over 100 years ago by a woman, Mrs. Janet Taylor, the last private nautical school in the City, has changed its name and establishment.

Up to a few weeks ago it was known as the Thornwood and Broughton Nautical School, where lads came from all over England to be taught the mysteries of navigation and the handling of ships belonging to the British Mercantile Marine.

Now it is to be known as the Sir John Cass Nautical School, and rooms have been placed at the disposal of the principals in the Sir John Cass Technical Institute, Jewry-st., E.

"There is a romance behind the school's vicissitudes," said the principal, Captain Thornwood, to a press representative.

"It was acquired from the original owners by Captain Broughton and Captain Mence, who prepared young candidates for the Board of Trade examinations."

"Its acquisition by myself and Captain H. Wood is a romance of the war. We were prisoners on the German vessel Moewe, and were both sent to a prison camp. As we both held masters' certificates we combined to teach our fellow-prisoners the science of seamanship."

After the war we went into partnership, and took a nautical school in Beer-lane, in the City, and also took over the Broughton School. Recognition has now been given by the Board of Trade to the new establishment in the Sir John Cass Institute."

THE RUMANIAN TRIAL DEFENCE.

PRINCE CAROL AND THE REGENCY.

Bucharest, Nov. 15.

The court martial which was trying the former official, Manolesco, acquitted him by 3 votes to 2.

The defence protested his loyalty to the Throne, and innocence from subversive action, and said that Prince Carol wished to return as Regent for his son.

Manolesco was charged with being party to a plot to get Prince Carol to return to Rumania and claim his title to be King.

The first of the practice dances in connection with the forthcoming St. Andrew's Ball took place last evening at the City Hall and was greatly enjoyed by the large number present. Pipes from the K.O.S.B. Regiment played for the Highland dances and the Hongkong Hotel orchestra for the fox-trots. The function lasted from 5.30 to 7 p.m., and the dance programme was in the capable hands of Mr. J. D. Kinnaid. Tea and other refreshments were served.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1137 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank, £207 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £312 n.
P and O, £10 n.
East Asia, \$62 1/2 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$540 b.
Union Ins., \$292 1/2 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$120 s.
China Firms, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$590 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$35 1/2 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$20 s.
H.K. Tugs, \$1.90 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 89/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$24 n.
Kailans, 63/- b.
Langkats, Tls. \$177 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 b.
Raubs, \$37 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$120 1/2 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents \$4 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 148 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 7.45 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 48 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$61 s.
H. K. Lands, \$56 1/2 s.
Shai Lands Tls. 120 b.

Humphreys, \$122 b.
Healy's, \$62 b.
Territorials, \$11 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$20 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$14 s.

Star Ferries, \$54 n.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$12 n.
H'kong Electric, \$54 s.

Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones \$3.70 b.
China Buses, Tls. 6 1/2 b.

Singapore Traction, 12/9 n.
Industrials.
China Sugars, \$13 n.

Malabons, \$30 s.
Canton Ice, \$5 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$7 s.

Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
United Asbestos \$12 s.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.

Watsons, \$11 1/2 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.

Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$81 n.
Wm. Powells, \$5 s.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$19 1/2 n.

Constructions, \$12 s.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 55 1/2 sa.
H. K. G. Loan, 4 1/2 Prem.

Entertainments

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The comedy of a stage-struck youth
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